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--YOUR
PROMISE MEANS
NOTHING IF YOU
CAN'T--

--A HALF
TON OF BIO-
MEDICAL WASTE
HIDDEN--

--DESERVE IT
FOR EVERYTHING
I PUT UP WITH
OVER--

--BY YOUR
COMMAND...WE'LL
BE BACK RIGHT
AFTER--

--LET ME
REPHRASE
THAT, I NEVER
SAID YOU
COULD--

--MAYDAY!
MAYDAY! WE'VE
LOST SIGHT OF
THE--

KR-KA-KRACKOOM!

THE POOR CHILD--

SHE'S SUCH A MESS. BEEN LIKE THIS FOR AS LONG AS I'VE BEEN HERE--GOING ON TWELVE YEARS.

BARELY EATS--BARELY SLEEPS.

JUST RAMBLES ON AND ON ABOUT BEING THE FIRST DAUGHTER OF THE EARTH--SOME SUCH NONSENSE.

--DESTROY IT AT HALF-PAST ELEVEN--

--A BOY? IT'S A BOY?! I'M GOING TO BE A FATHER!

--NOSA CON VI VANTE DOS--

--UNDER ARREST, ANYTHING YOU SAY CAN AND WILL--

--FRIES WITH THAT--

--LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL--

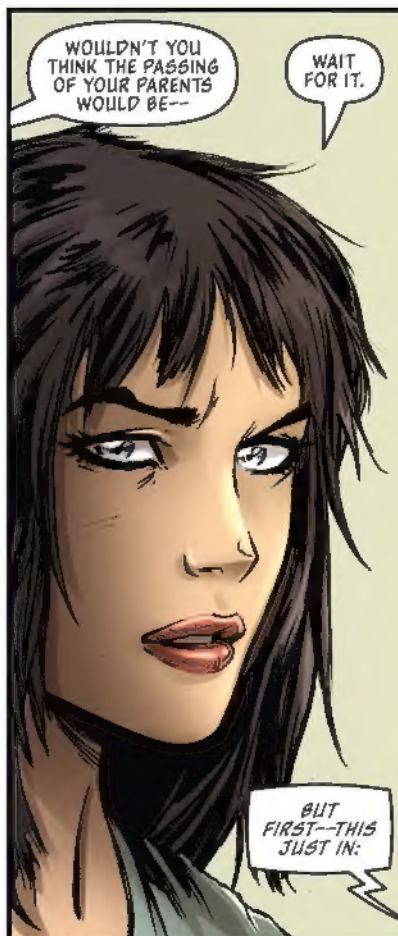
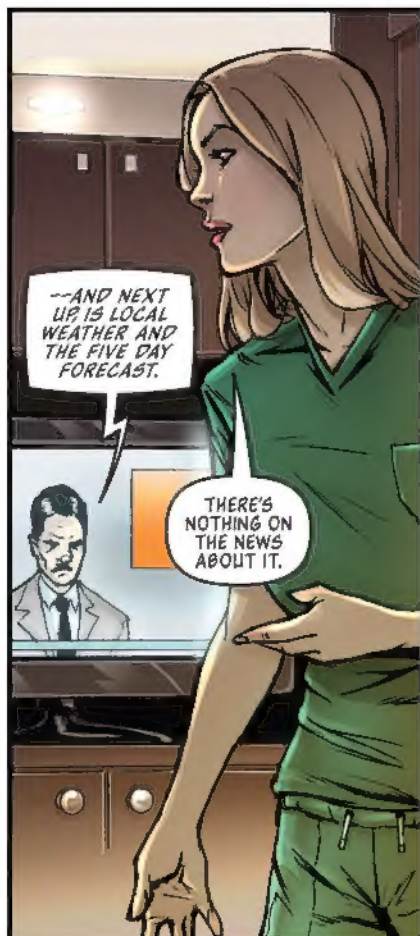
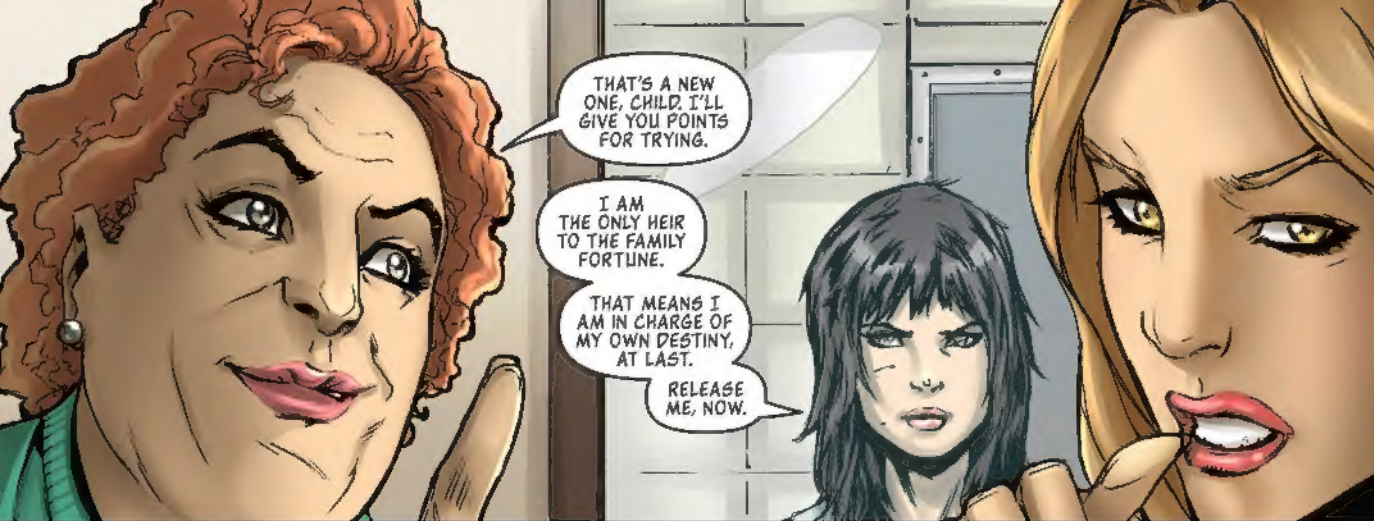
I'VE SEEN HER CHART. SHE'S ON ENOUGH MEDICATION TO KNOCK OUT A HORSE.

ALL THIS MONEY AND THEY CAN'T DO A THING FOR HER?

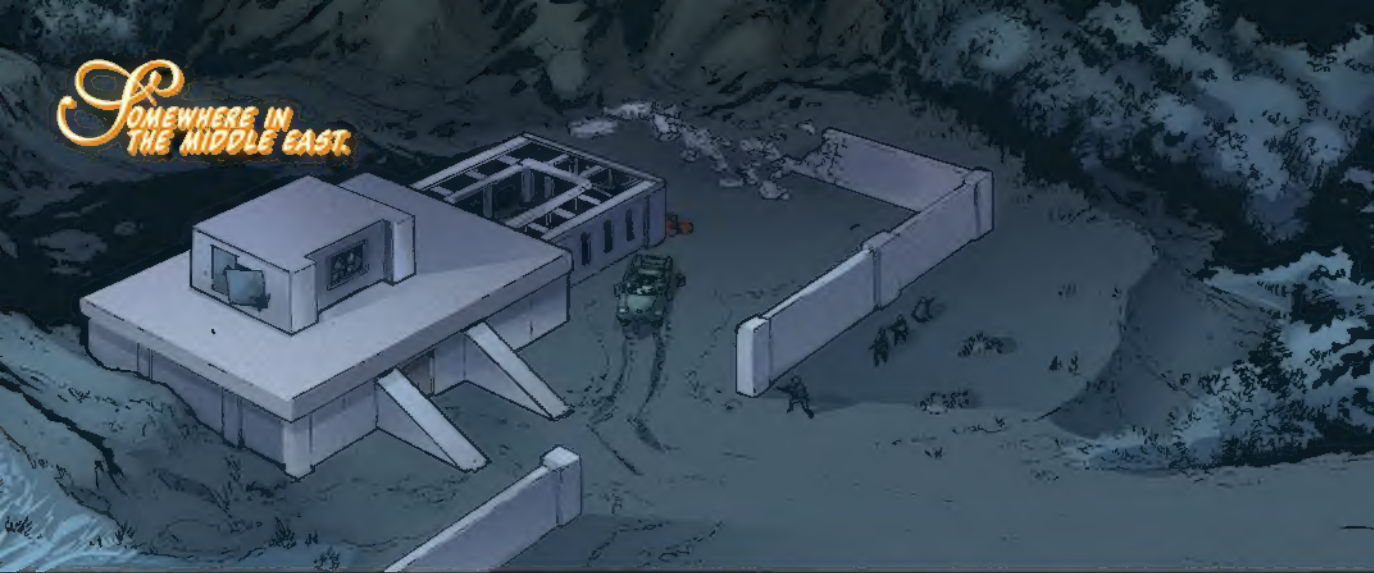
--THE THOUSAND TRUTHS WASH UPON--

--WHAT?
I AM SORRY TO HEAR THAT.

MY PARENTS ARE DEAD. RELEASE ME.



SOMEWHERE IN
THE MIDDLE EAST.



THREE DAYS LATER...



MOTHER.
FATHER.

I WANT YOU TO
KNOW I APPRECIATE
EVERYTHING YOU DID
FOR ME.

AS PAINFUL
AS IT WAS--I
KNOW YOU WERE ONLY
ACTING IN MY BEST
INTERESTS.

I LOVE YOU
BOTH.

AND
I'LL SEE YOU
SOON.



GIA, I'M
SURE YOU DON'T
REMEMBER ME,
I'M--

MR. CONKLIN.

HOWARD
CONK--YES,
CONKLIN.

I AM
SORRY FOR YOUR
LOSS.



I AM YOUR
FAMILY'S
LAWYER, GIA.
WE NEED TO
TALK.

That night...

THE PUBLIC
FACE OF YOUR
PARENTS' ENDEAVORS
COULD BE FOUND
IN DOWNTOWN
DENVER.

BUT THE
CHARITIES--THE
DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN
AID--WILE
IMPORTANT--

--WERE MOSTLY
FOR APPEARANCES.

THEIR REAL
LIFE'S WORK WAS
DONE HERE.

THE POINT.

THE BEST
WAY TO SUM
IT UP?

IMAGINE
IF SOMEONE
PRIVATELY
OWNED THE
PENTAGON--

--AND USED
ALL THE FINANCIAL,
TECHNOLOGICAL, AND
POLITICAL POWER
THAT IMPLIED--

--TO CAPTURE,
CATALOGUE, AND IN
SOME CASES, CURTAIL
THE CURIOSITIES OF
THE WORLD.

CURIOSITIES?
LIKE ME?

YOU WERE
CERTAINLY ONE OF
THEM, YES.

YOUR
CONDITION WAS THE
IMPETUS FOR YOUR PARENTS
TO START LOOKING AT--
REALLY EXAMINING--THE
WORLD AROUND THEM.

AT FIRST,
IT WAS TO LOOK
FOR A CURE...

...BUT THEY
QUICKLY DISCOVERED
ONCE THEY SCRATCHED
THE SURFACE--

--THERE WERE
FEW MYSTERIES
THAT COULD HIDE
FROM THEM.

TIMES SPACED
THE DEPTHS OF
THE OCEAN?

THE WORLD
GAVE UP ITS
SECRETS.



FOR CENTURIES,
THERE WERE ODDITIES
IN CULTURES AND SOCIETIES
THROUGHOUT THE
PLANET.

OFTEN, THEY
WERE BURIED,
FORGOTTEN.

SOMETIMES
LOST TO THE FOG
OF HISTORY...

...OTHER TIMES
THEY WERE HIDDEN
DELIBERATELY.



IN RECENT YEARS,
THESE UNEXPLAINED
PHENOMENA BECAME
MORE PREVALENT.

WORSE, MORE
MALEVOLENT.

THERE
HAS BEEN NO
WAY TO IGNORE
THE TRUTH:

SOMETHING
DARK IS
COMING.

YOUR PARENTS
CREATED THE POINT
BECAUSE THEY WANTED
TO MAKE SURE THE
WORLD WOULD BE
READY.



TO THINK,
PEOPLE THOUGHT
I WAS CRAZY.

EDGAR
AND ENID NEVER
THOUGHT THAT.

THEY KNEW YOU
WERE EXCEPTIONAL--
THEY JUST WANTED
TO PROTECT YOU.

WHAT
DO I NEED
TO DO, NOW?
HOW CAN I
HELP?

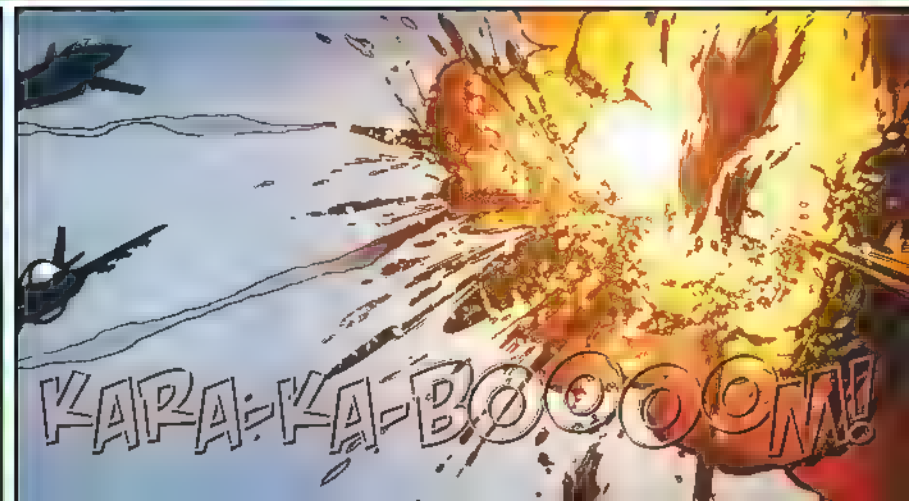
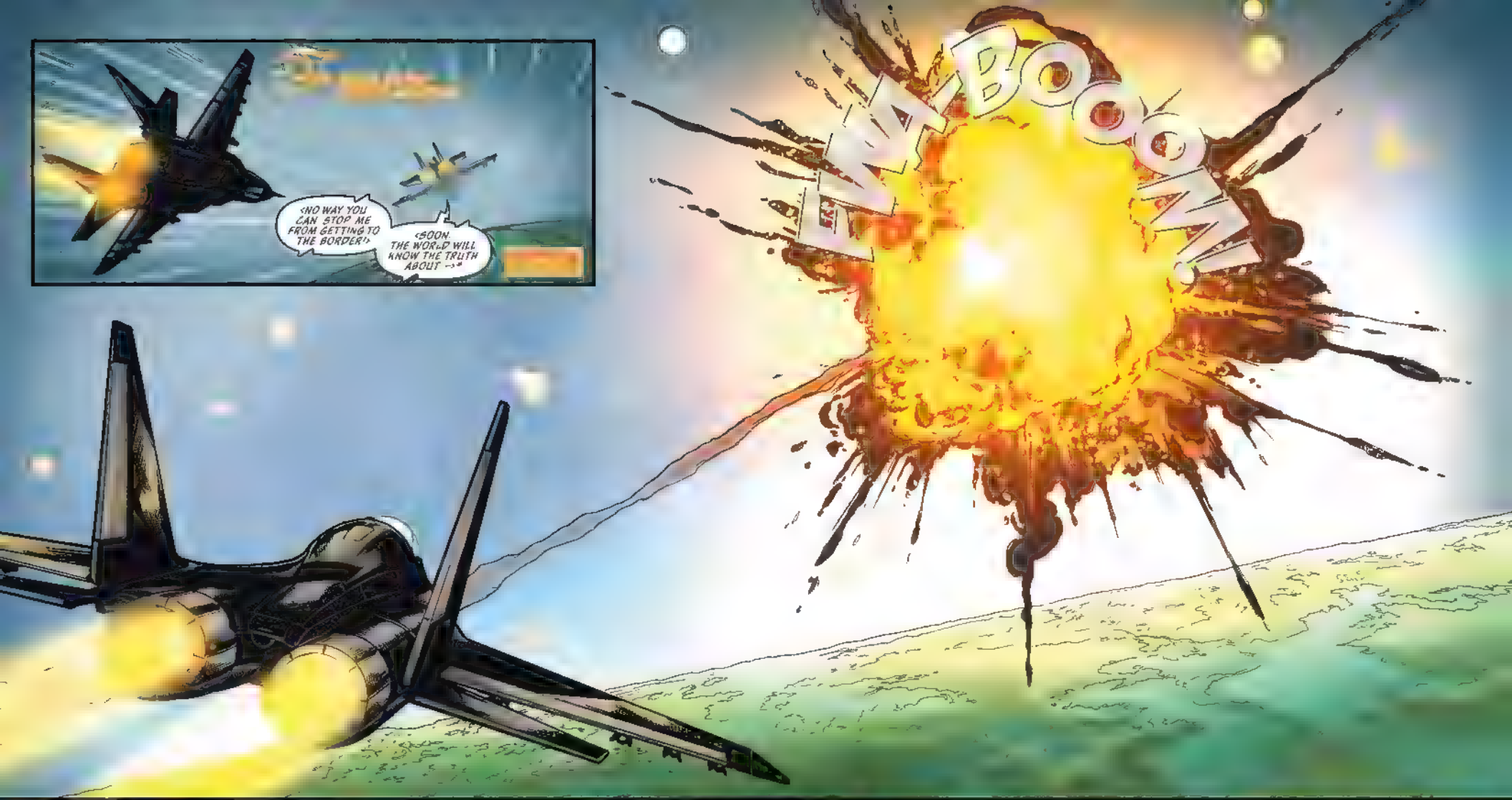


HONESTLY, YOUR
PARENTS BUILT THIS
PLACE TO FUNCTION
WITHOUT THEM.

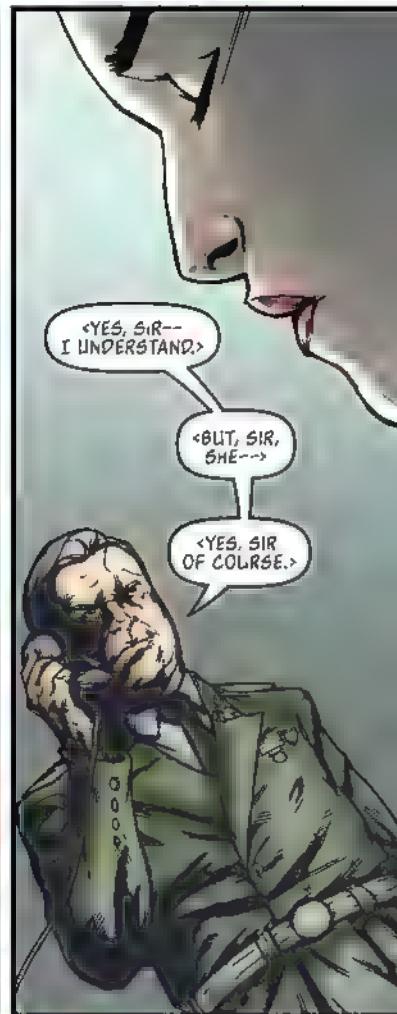
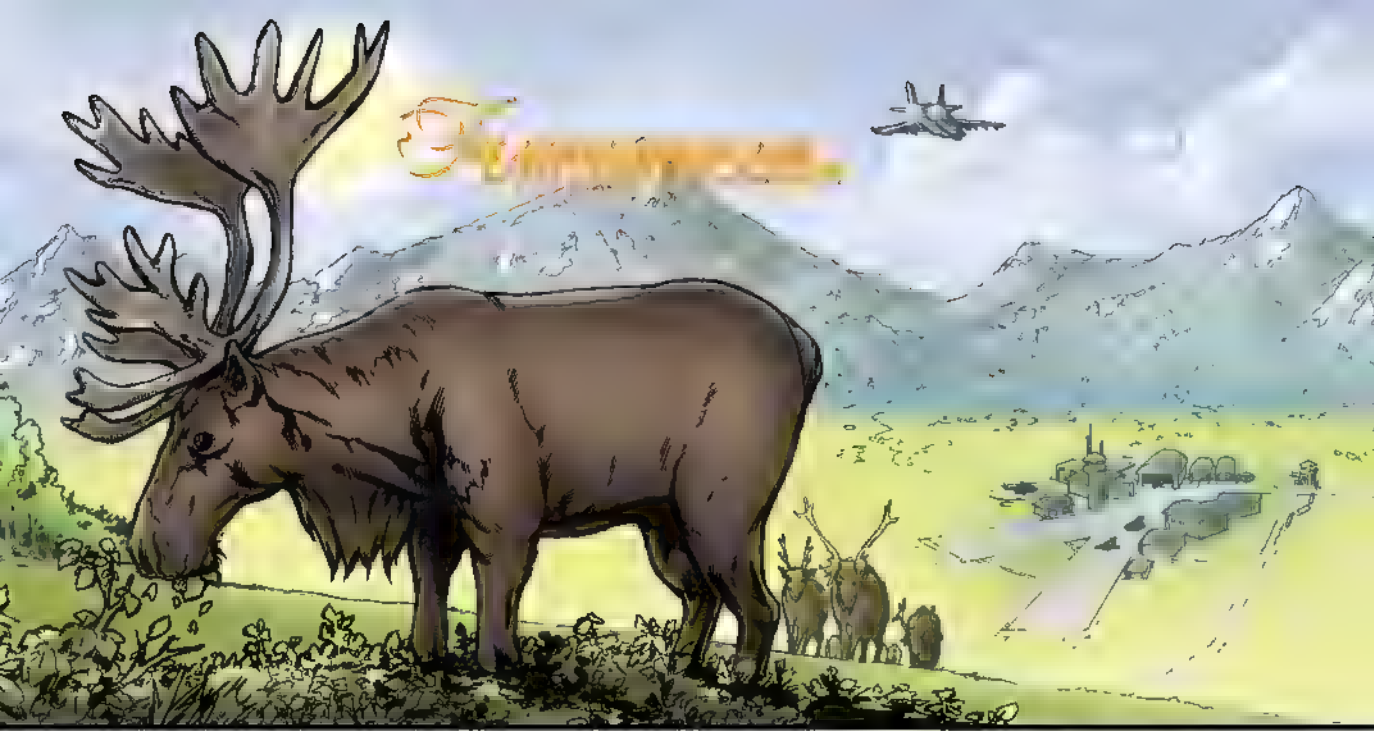
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BE BETTER
FOR EVERYONE
INVOLVED...

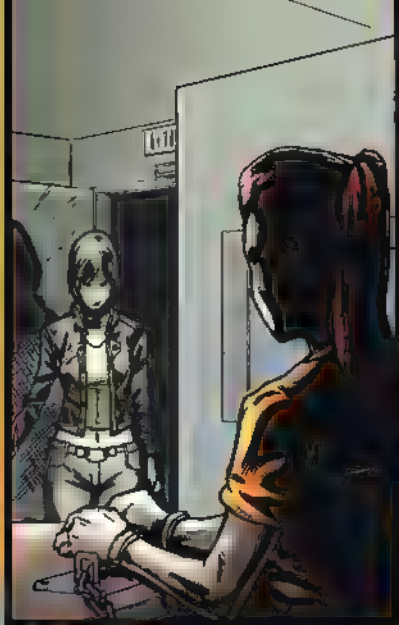
IF YOU
DID NOTHING
AT ALL.





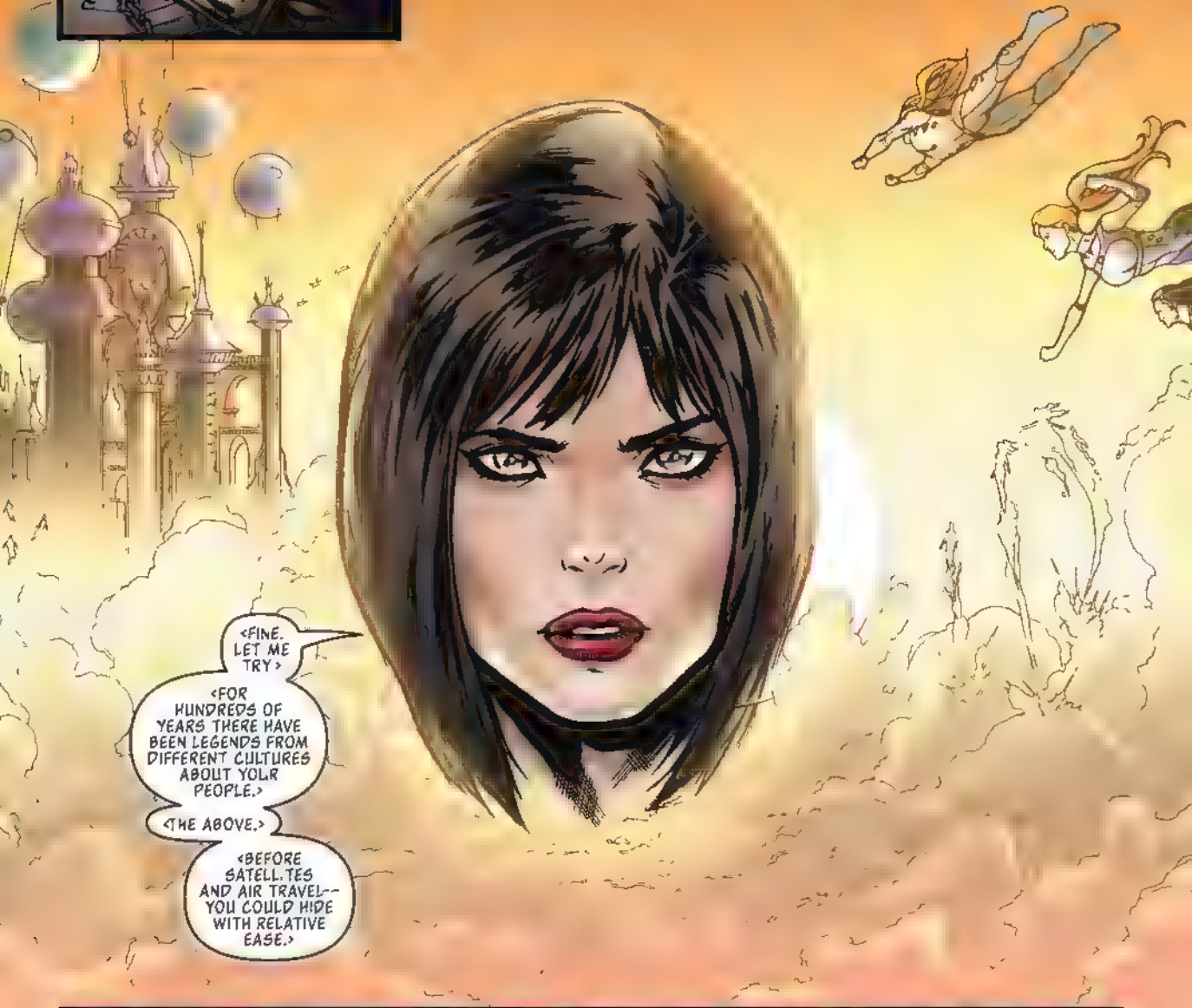






<TELL ME THE TRUTH>

<I. DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN.>

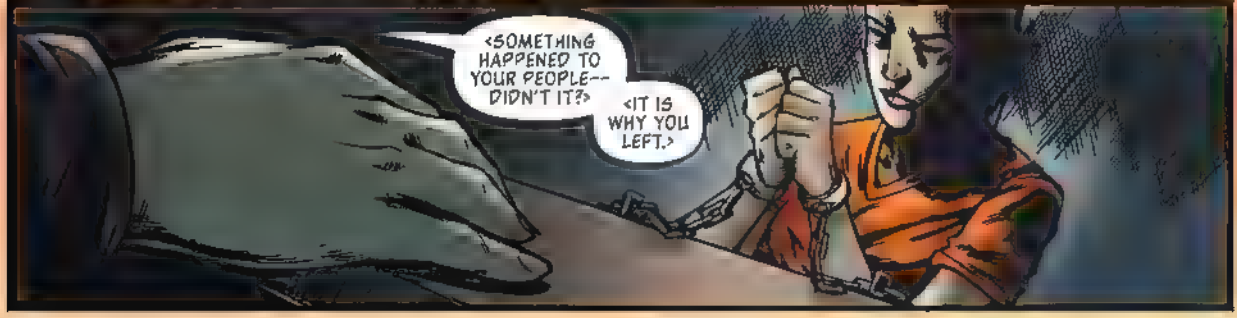


<FINE. LET ME TRY>

<FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS THERE HAVE BEEN LEGENDS FROM DIFFERENT CULTURES ABOUT YOUR PEOPLE.>

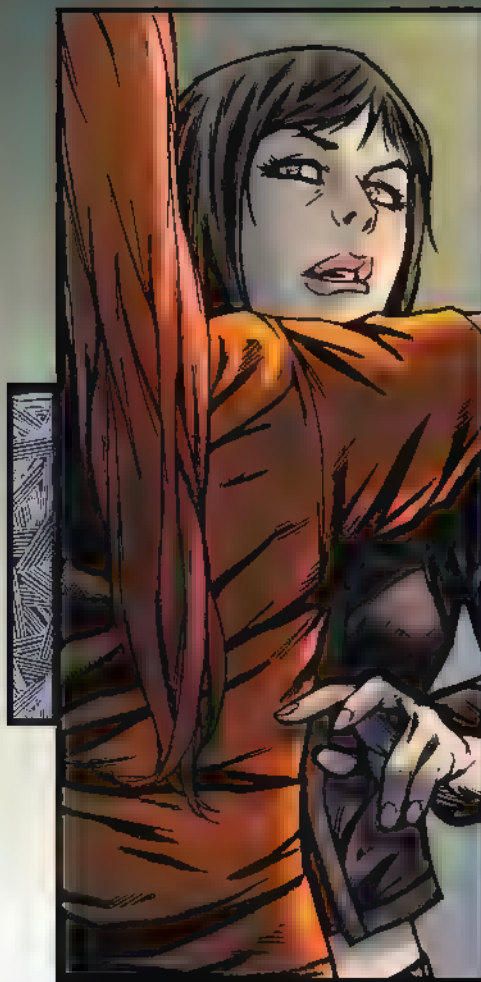
<THE ABOVE.>

<BEFORE SATELLITES AND AIR TRAVEL-- YOU COULD HIDE WITH RELATIVE EASE.>



<SOMETHING HAPPENED TO YOUR PEOPLE-- DIDN'T IT?>

<IT IS WHY YOU LEFT.>



A IN THE NAME OF THE GODS
IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC.





YOUR BOON
HAS BEEN
GRANTED.

THE
THREAT IS NO
MORE.



GO NOW, TO
LOVE AND SERVE
EACH OTHER.



REALLY?

THIS IS HOW
YOU USE YOUR SPECIAL
ABILITIES--PRETENDING TO
BE A GODDESS ON SOME
NAMELESS ISLAND?

IT MIGHT NOT
BE THE NOBLEST OF
PURSUITS, STRANGER.
I'LL GRANT YOU
THAT.

YOU HAVE A
BETTER USE FOR
MY TIME?



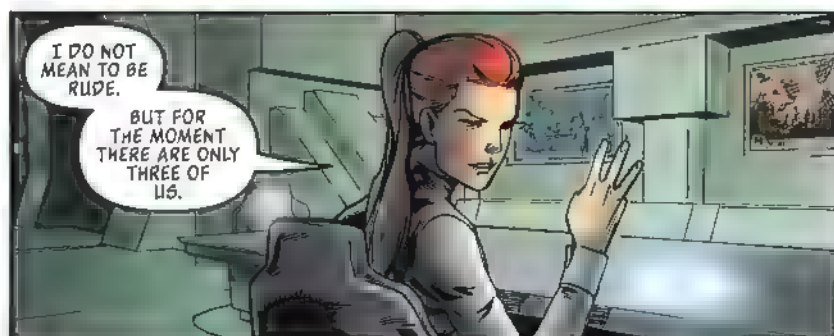
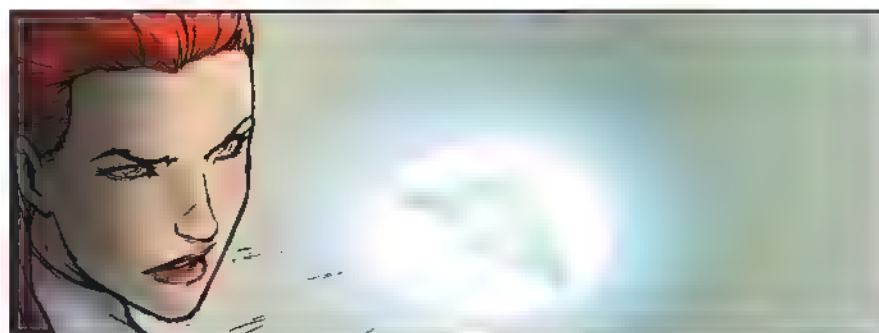
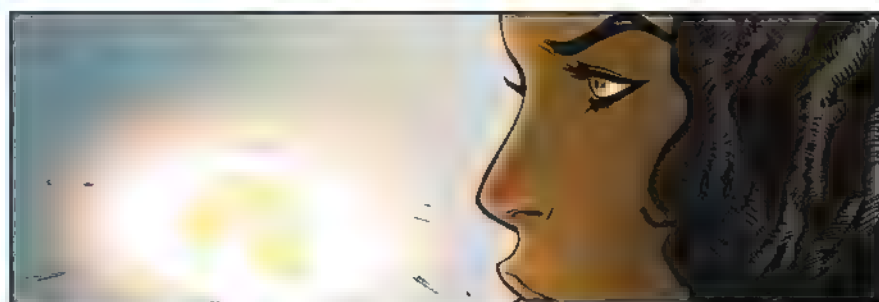
THAT
DEPENDS,
ARA.

DOES
SAVING THE
WORLD SEEM
LIKE A WORTHY
ENDEAVOR?



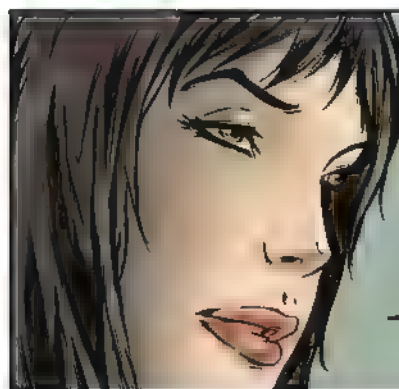
SEVERAL DOZEN VICTIMS WERE "MELTED" TOGETHER IN A WRITHING HEAP, HALF A WORLD APART.

THE FOUR OF US NEED TO FIND THE CAUSE OF THIS AND STOP IT.



I DO NOT MEAN TO BE RUDE.

BUT FOR THE MOMENT THERE ARE ONLY THREE OF US.



TRADITIONALLY, THERE ARE FOUR HORSEMEN OF THE APOCALYPSE...POWERFUL ENTITIES DETERMINED TO DESTROY THE WORLD.

BUT IN THEIR WAY, THERE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN FOUR ELEMENTS--THAT, WHEN BROUGHT TOGETHER--ARE AN UNSTOPPABLE FORCE FOR GOOD.

EARTH, WIND, FIRE...



IN THE LAST FORTY-EIGHT HOURS, THERE HAVE BEEN AT LEAST TWO INCIDENTS THAT CAN ONLY BE DESCRIBED AS HORRIFIC.



"AND...TER."

"SOON I WILL
BE UNITE WITH
THE STRONGEST
AMONG US."

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THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO WILL ARGUE SHE IS THE EIGHTH WONDER OF THE WORLD.

A DAUGHTER OF THE OCEAN SECRETLY RAISED AMONG THE HUMAN RACE.

EDUCATED TO BE A BRILLIANT SCIENTIST ABOVE THE WAVES--

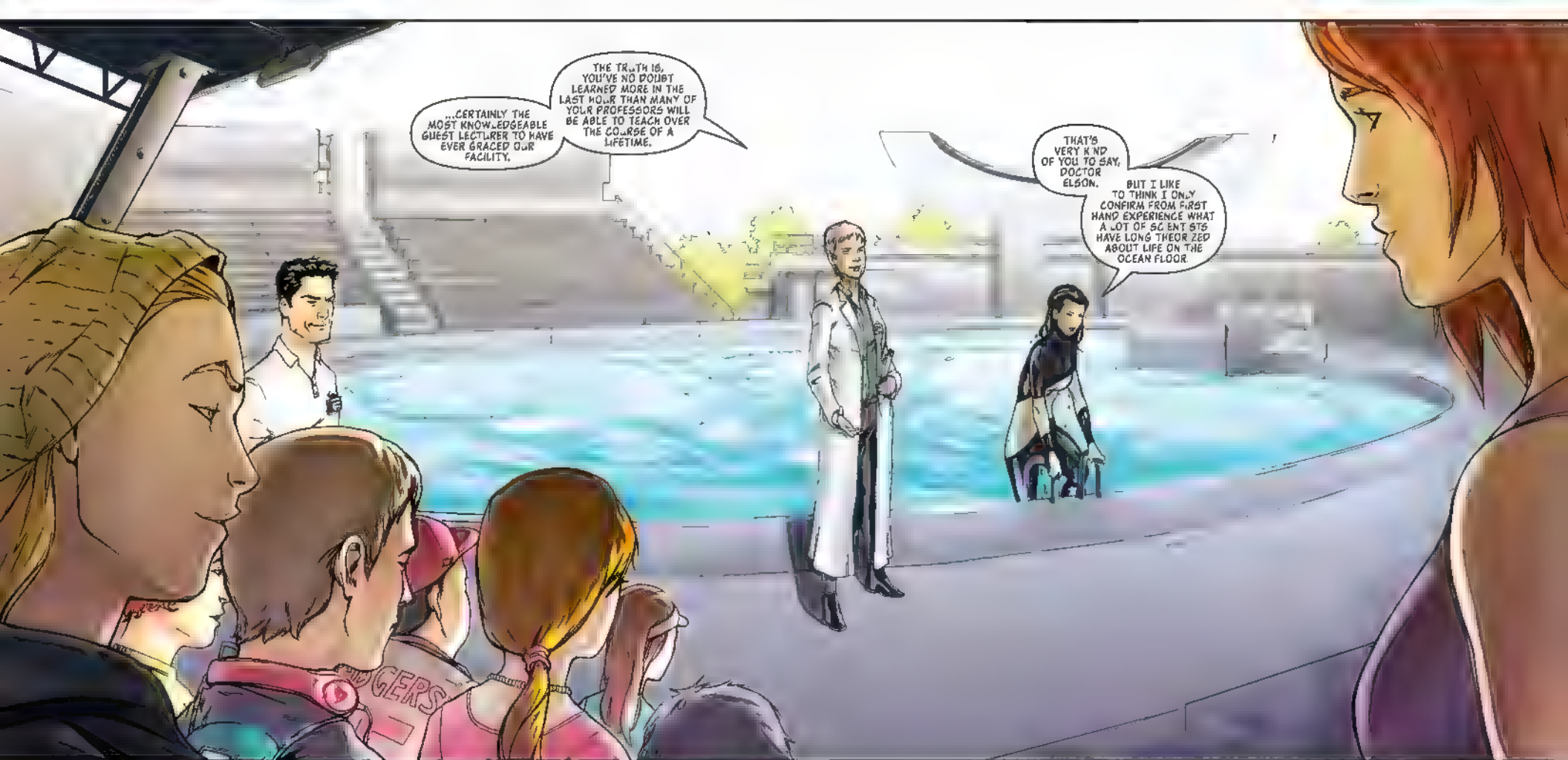
--BELOW, SHE BECAME A FIERCE WARRIOR...

...AND A DIPLOMAT BETWEEN HER TWO WORLDS.

SHE IS DR. ASPEN MATTHEWS...

IT ALL SOUNDS MUCH MORE DRAMATIC THAN WHAT ACTUALLY HAPPENED.



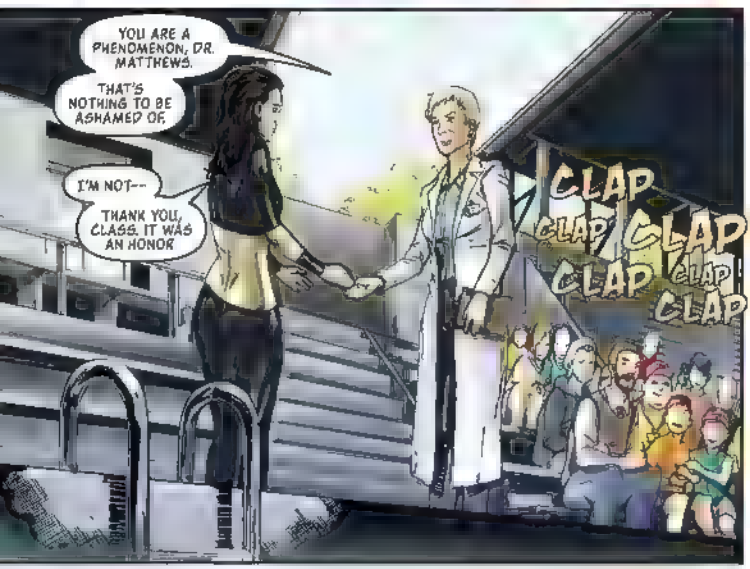


...CERTAINLY THE MOST KNOWLEDGEABLE GUEST LECTURER TO HAVE EVER GRACED OUR FACILITY.

THE TRUTH IS, YOU'VE NO DOUBT LEARNED MORE IN THE LAST HOUR THAN MANY OF YOUR PROFESSORS WILL BE ABLE TO TEACH OVER THE COURSE OF A LIFETIME.

THAT'S VERY KIND OF YOU TO SAY, DOCTOR ELSON.

BUT I LIKE TO THINK I ONLY CONFIRM FROM FIRST HAND EXPERIENCE WHAT A LOT OF SCIENTISTS HAVE LONG THEORIZED ABOUT LIFE ON THE OCEAN FLOOR.



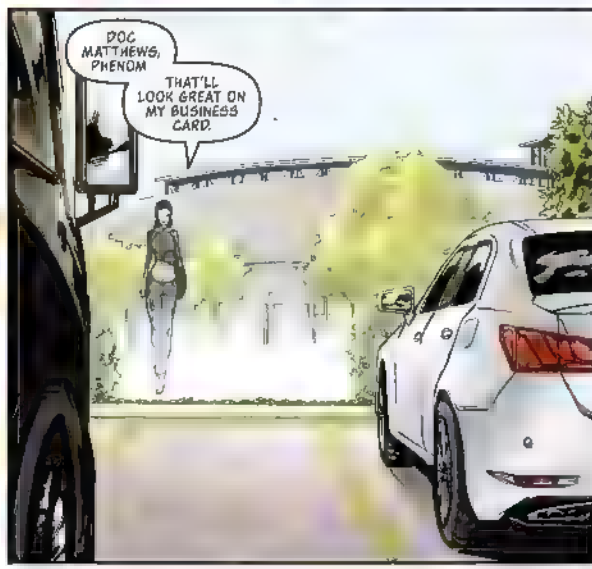
YOU ARE A PHENOMENON, DR. MATTHEWS.

THAT'S NOTHING TO BE ASHAMED OF.

I'M NOT--

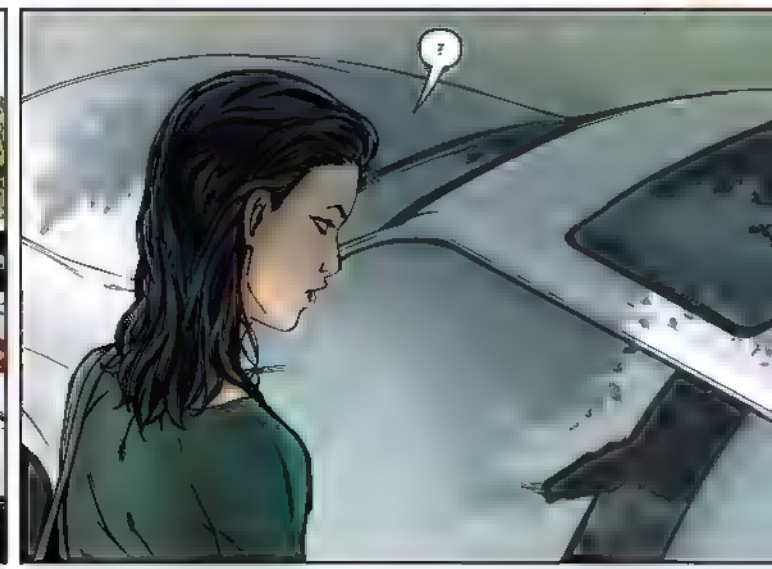
THANK YOU CLASS. IT WAS AN HONOR.

CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP



DOC MATTHEWS, PHENOM

THAT'LL LOOK GREAT ON MY BUSINESS CARD.

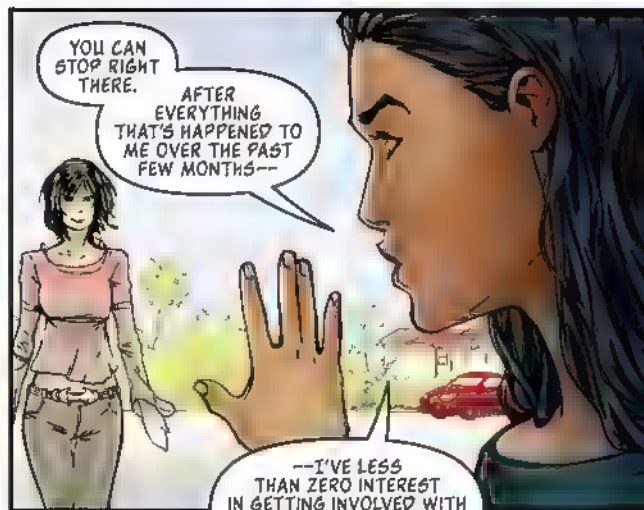


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DR. MATTHEWS.
MY NAME IS GIA
SORENT.NO.

I'VE
COME TO ENLIST
YOUR HELP WITH
A VERY SERIOUS
MATTER.



YOU CAN
STOP RIGHT
THERE.

AFTER
EVERYTHING
THAT'S HAPPENED TO
ME OVER THE PAST
FEW MONTHS--

--I'VE LESS
THAN ZERO INTEREST
IN GETTING INVOLVED WITH
WHATEVER ADVENTURE
YOU INTEND TO DRAG
ME INTO.

THANK
YOU, BUT
NO.



IT'S
ALMOST CUTE
THAT YOU THINK YOU
HAVE A SAY IN THE
MATTER.

THE
TRUTH I AM
ABOUT TO REVEAL TO
YOU IS WAY CRAZIER
THAN ANYTHING
YOU--

MY FAULT.

I'M
NOT BEING
CLEAR.



NOT
INTERESTED.
REALLY.

AT ALL.

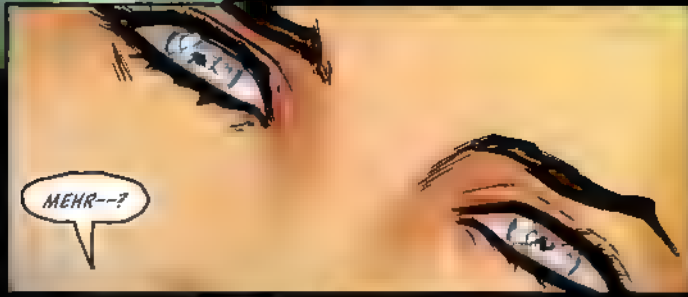
GOOD-BYE.

I TOTALLY
UNDERSTAND.

SAVING THE
WORLD ISN'T FOR
EVERYONE.

**BREEP
BREEP**





MEHR--?

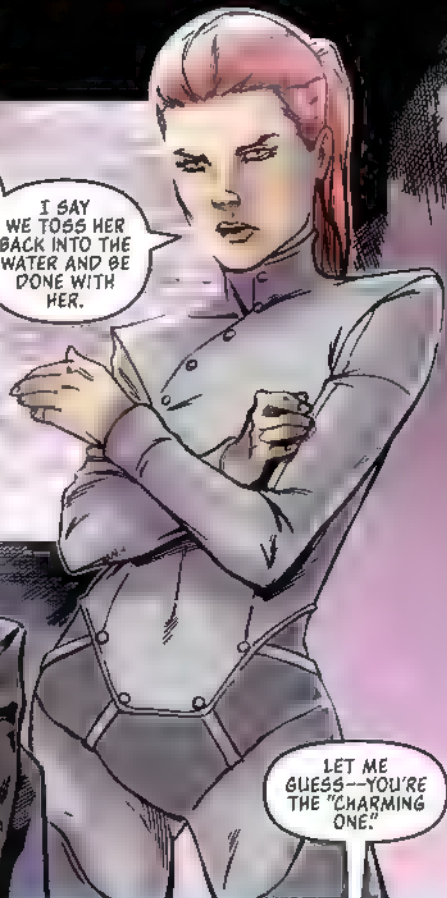
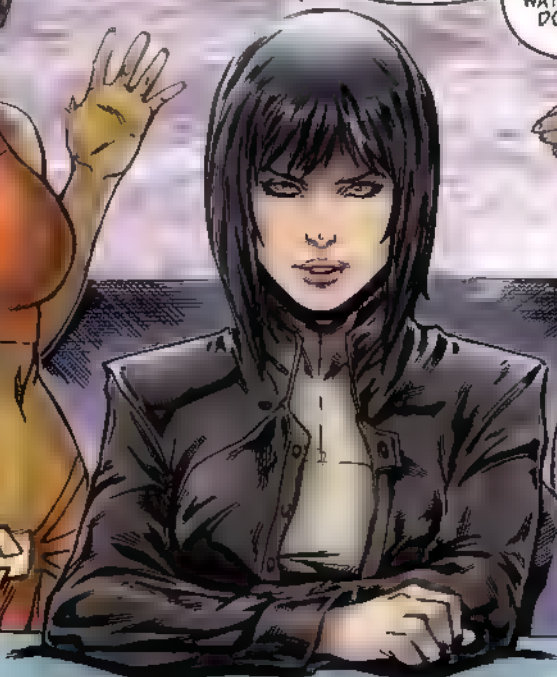
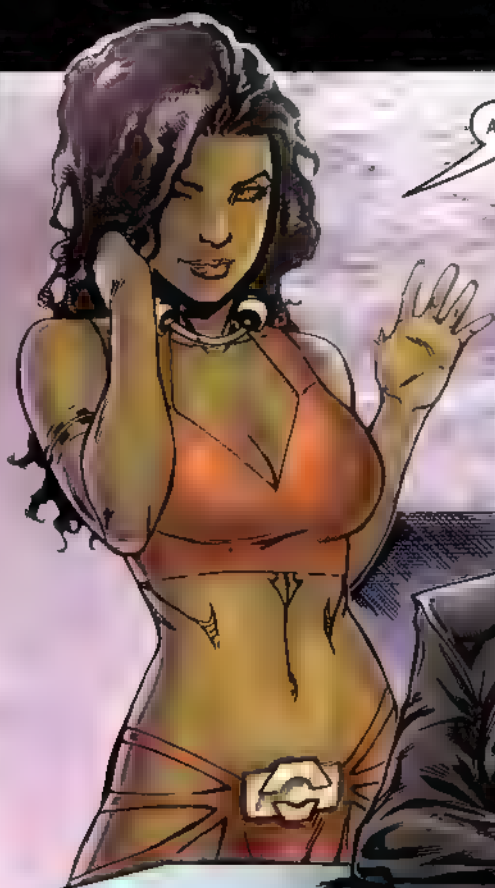
MY STAFF
INSISTED YOU
WOULDN'T WAKE
UP FOR ANOTHER
THREE HOURS.

BUT I
HAD FAITH
IN YOU.

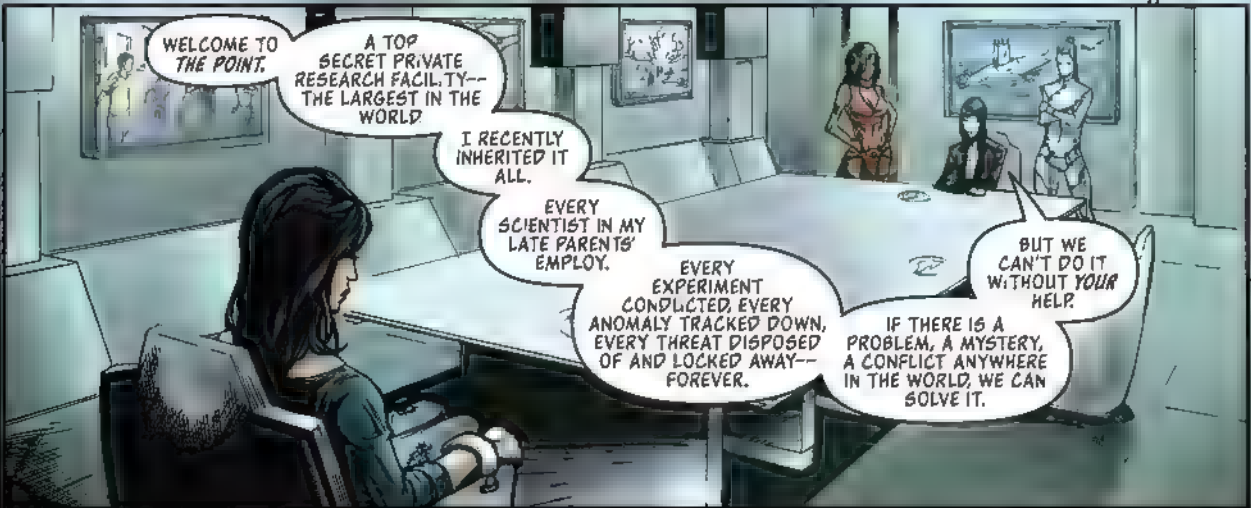
ALOHA.

THE LAST
THING WE NEED
IS SOME 90 POUND
SWIMSUIT
MODEL.

I SAY
WE TOSS HER
BACK INTO THE
WATER AND BE
DONE WITH
HER.



LET ME
GUESS--YOU'RE
THE "CHARMING
ONE."



WELCOME TO
THE POINT.

A TOP
SECRET PRIVATE
RESEARCH FACILITY--
THE LARGEST IN THE
WORLD

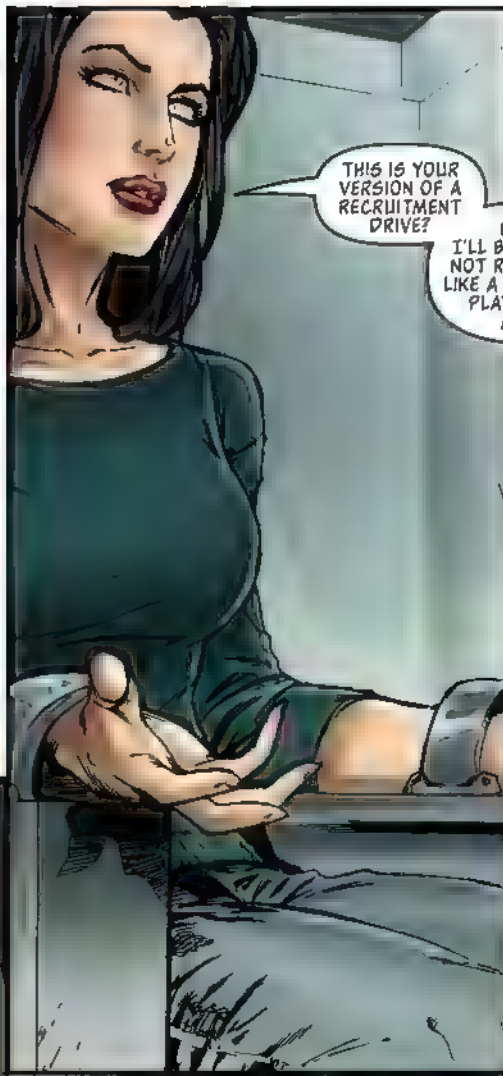
I RECENTLY
INHERITED IT
ALL.

EVERY
SCIENTIST IN MY
LATE PARENTS'
EMPLOY.

EVERY
EXPERIMENT
CONDUCTED, EVERY
ANOMALY TRACKED DOWN,
EVERY THREAT DISPOSED
OF AND LOCKED AWAY--
FOREVER.

BUT WE
CAN'T DO IT
WITHOUT YOUR
HELP.

IF THERE IS A
PROBLEM, A MYSTERY,
A CONFLICT ANYWHERE
IN THE WORLD, WE CAN
SOLVE IT.



THIS IS YOUR
VERSION OF A
RECRUITMENT
DRIVE?

BECAUSE
I'LL BE HONEST, I'M
NOT REALLY FEELING
LIKE A "VALUED TEAM
PLAYER" AT THE
MOMENT.

DR.
MATTHEWS--
MAY I CALL YOU
ASPEN?

SURE.
WHY NOT?

THERE IS A
GREAT DARKNESS
RISING OVER EVERY
LIVING BEING ON
EARTH.

FOUR VERY
POWERFUL BROTHERS
WHO BELIEVE IT IS THEIR
BIRTHRIGHT TO BRING
ABOUT THE END OF
THE WORLD.

FOR
REASONS YOU'LL
SOON UNDERSTAND--
IT IS UP TO US IN THIS
ROOM TO STOP
THEM.

WHAT
ARE YOU SAYING--
WE'RE THE FOUR
HORSEWOMEN OF THE
APOCALYPSE?

EVEN
IF I SIGNED
ON, WHAT MAKES
YOU THINK WE CAN
PULL THIS
OFF?

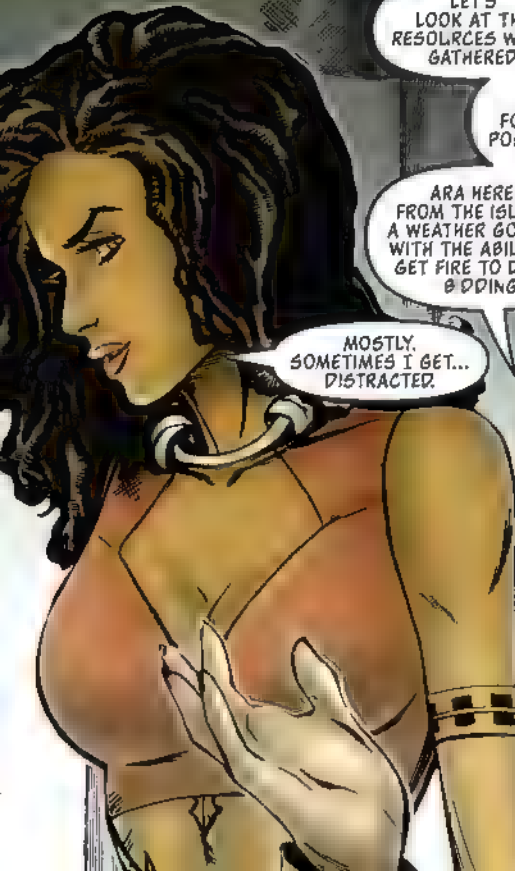


LET'S
LOOK AT THE
RESOURCES WE'VE
GATHERED.

IVANA GHOLL,
A PILOT FROM THE
FORMER U.S.S.R.--SHE
POSSESSES THE ABILITY
TO CONTROL AIR.

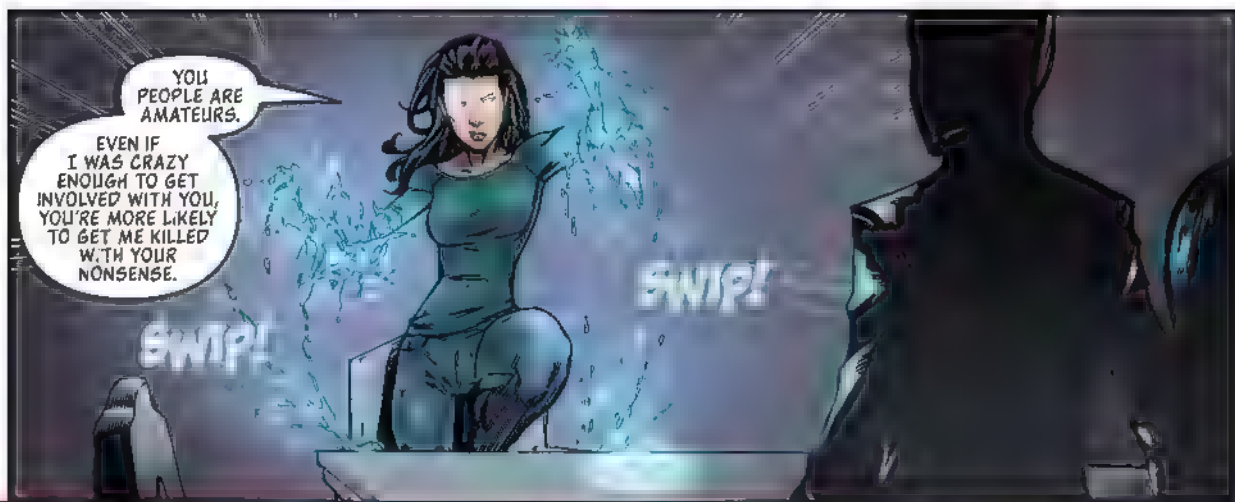
ARA HERE IS
FROM THE ISLANDS.
A WEATHER GODDESS
WITH THE ABILITY TO
GET FIRE TO DO HER
BIDDING.

MOSTLY,
SOMETIMES I GET...
DISTRACTED.



REEL IT IN, GIA.
YOU'RE STARTING TO
SOUND LIKE WE'RE IN ONE
OF THOSE HUNDRED MILLION
DOLLAR COMIC BOOK MOVIES
YOUR PRECIOUS HOLLYWOOD
LIKES TO CRAP OUT
EVERY SUMMER.





YOU
PEOPLE ARE
AMATEURS.

EVEN IF
I WAS CRAZY
ENOUGH TO GET
INVOLVED WITH YOU,
YOU'RE MORE LIKELY
TO GET ME KILLED
W.T.H YOUR
NONSENSE.

SWIPE!

SWIPE!



NBODY
SAID ANYTHING
ABOUT KILLING
ANYONE.

SHE DID--AND
FRANKLY I THINK
WE'D BE BETTER OFF
W.THOIT HER.

ENOUGH,
LOOK!



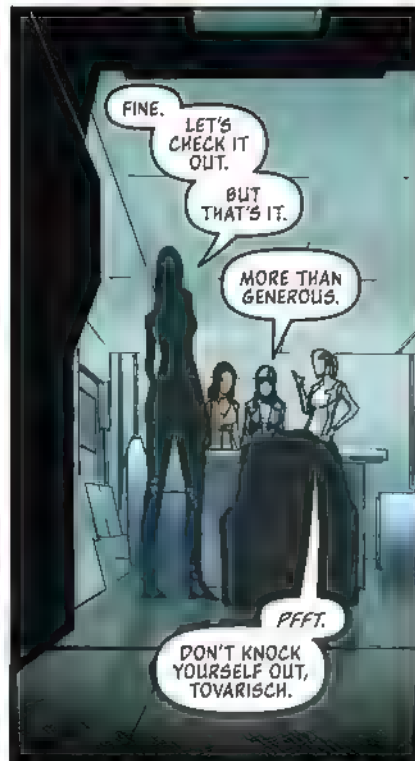
A NUCLEAR SUB
SOME TWENTY MILES OFF
THE COAST OF HILTON HEAD,
NORTH CAROLINA.

ALL THREE
HUNDRED AMERICAN
CREWMEN PRESUMED
DEAD.

WOULD IT BE
TOO MUCH TO ASK
THAT WE AT LEAST
INVESTIGATE
THIS?

HILTON HEAD

ALL PRESUMED DEAD



FINE.

LET'S
CHECK IT
OUT.

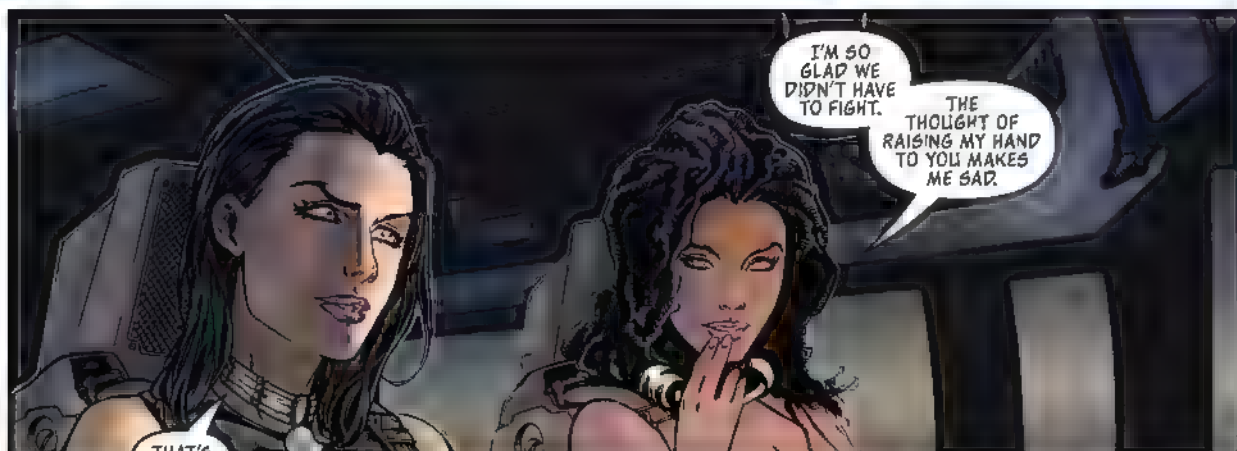
BUT
THAT'S IT.

MORE THAN
GENEROUS.

PFFT.

DON'T KNOCK
YOURSELF OUT,
TOVARISCH.

*Look over
The Atlantic...*



I'M SO
GLAD WE
DIDN'T HAVE
TO FIGHT.

THE
THOUGHT OF
RAISING MY HAND
TO YOU MAKES
ME SAD.

THAT'S
VERY
SWEET.

THOUGH I
HOPE YOU DON'T
FEEL THAT WAY IN
GENERAL, DEPENDING
ON WHO WE MEET
OUT HERE.

YOU REALIZE
HOW CRAZY THIS
IS, RIGHT?

HOW
CRAZY CAN IT
BE? YOU'RE
HERE.



I WOULD
LIKE TO SAY I'M
FREAKED OUT--BUT THE
TRUTH IS I'VE BECOME
SOMETHING OF AN ODD
MAGNET SINCE I,
"CAME OUT."

YOU'RE
TALKING TO
THE WRONG
PERSON.

I'VE BEEN A
GODDESS FOR AS
LONG AS I CAN
REMEMBER.

AND
HOW LONG
IS THAT?

ABOUT A
MONTH.



LENIN'S
GHOST, GIA!

IS THAT--?!

ARA, ASPEN--
GET READY TO
DISEMBARK!



AS READY AS
WE'LL EVER BE--
I SUPPOSE

I CAN
NOT BELIEVE
I'M THE ONLY ONE
ENJOYING
THIS!

WE JUST
FOUND THE S.S.
LENINGRAD.

ARE
YOU TWO
READY?



I GUESS
I CAN THINK
OF WORSE WAYS
TO SPEND A
SATURDAY
NIGHT.

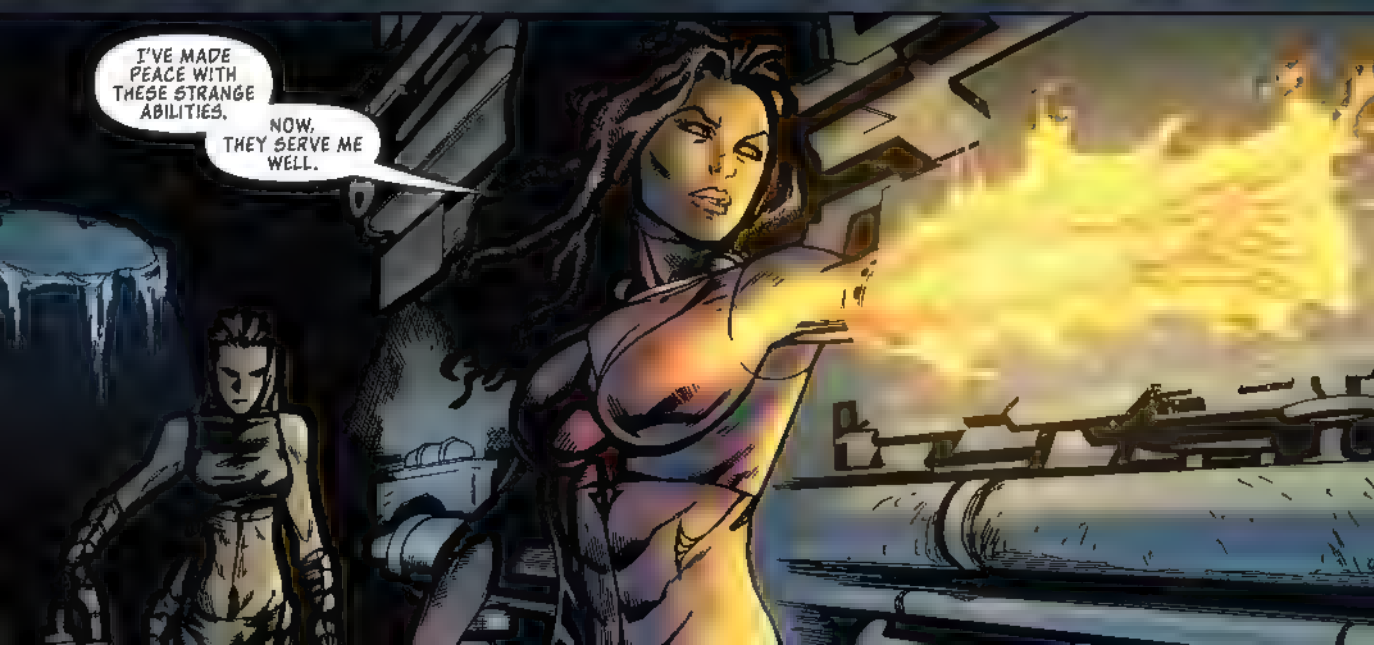
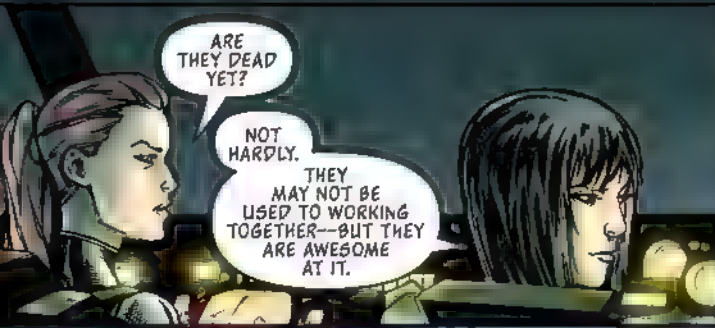
THERE
YOU GO!

FOLLOW
MY LEAD!

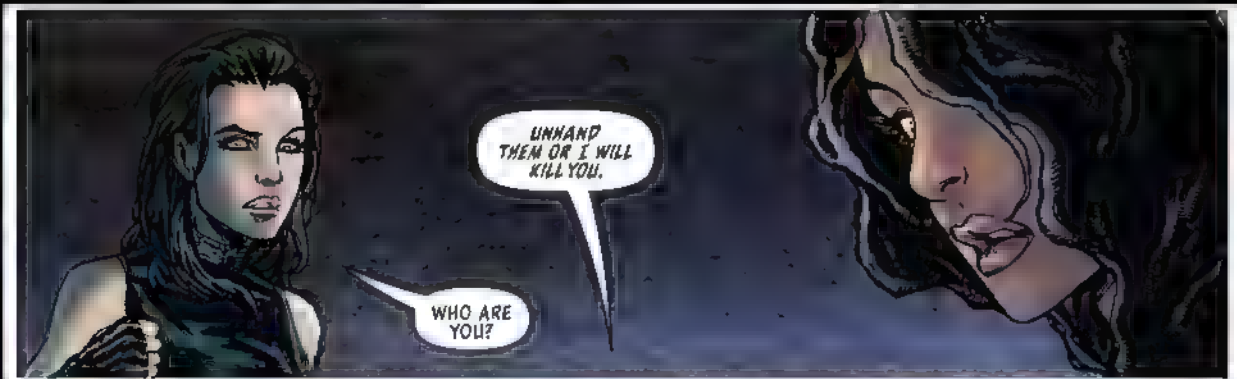
RIGHT
BEHIND
YOU!

WOW!

RIGHT?!







UNHAND
THEM OR I WILL
KILL YOU.

WHO ARE
YOU?

I HAVE BEEN
KNOWN BY MANY
NAMES.

YOU CAN
CALL ME...

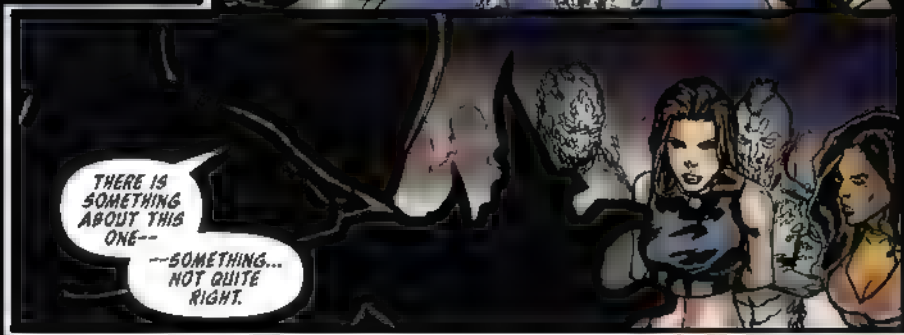
WAR!



EEEP!

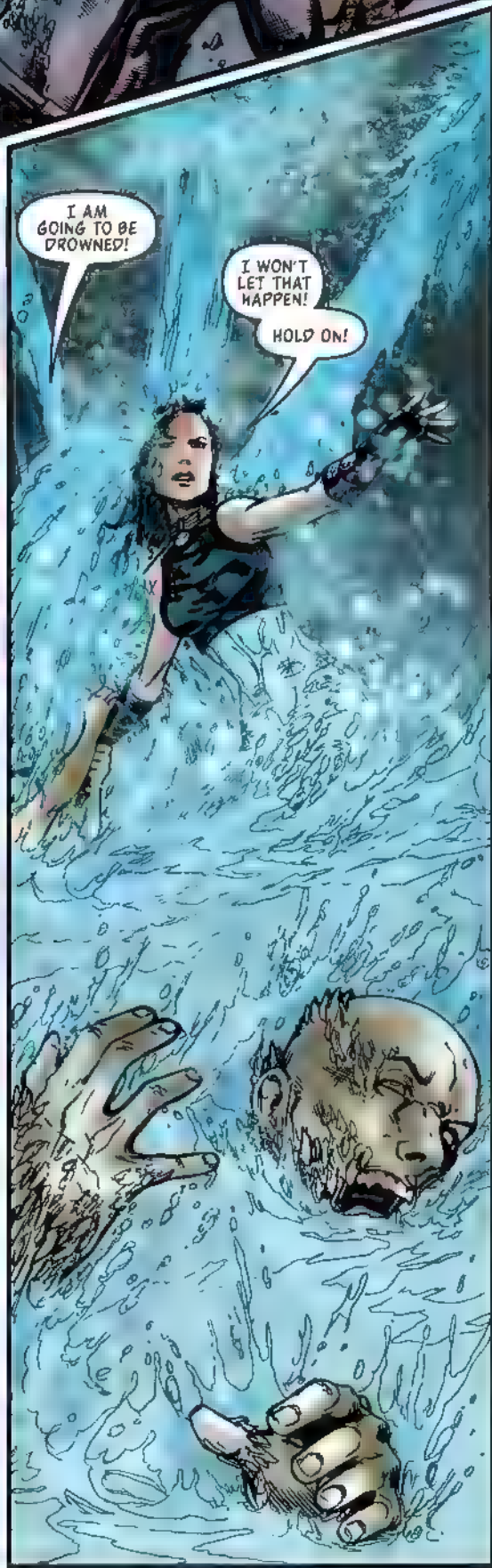
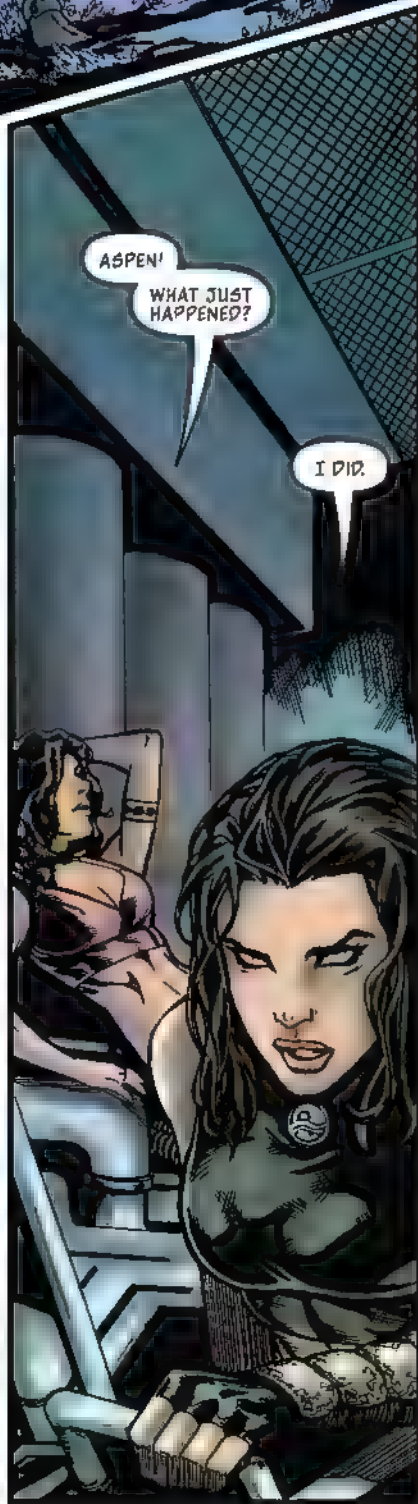
YOU KILLED
THESE SOLDIERS
FOR NO REASON
OTHER THAN TO
SERVE YOU?

I GET THE
WHOLE CIRCLE
OF LIFE THING--
BUT YOU ARE A
GRADE A JERK.

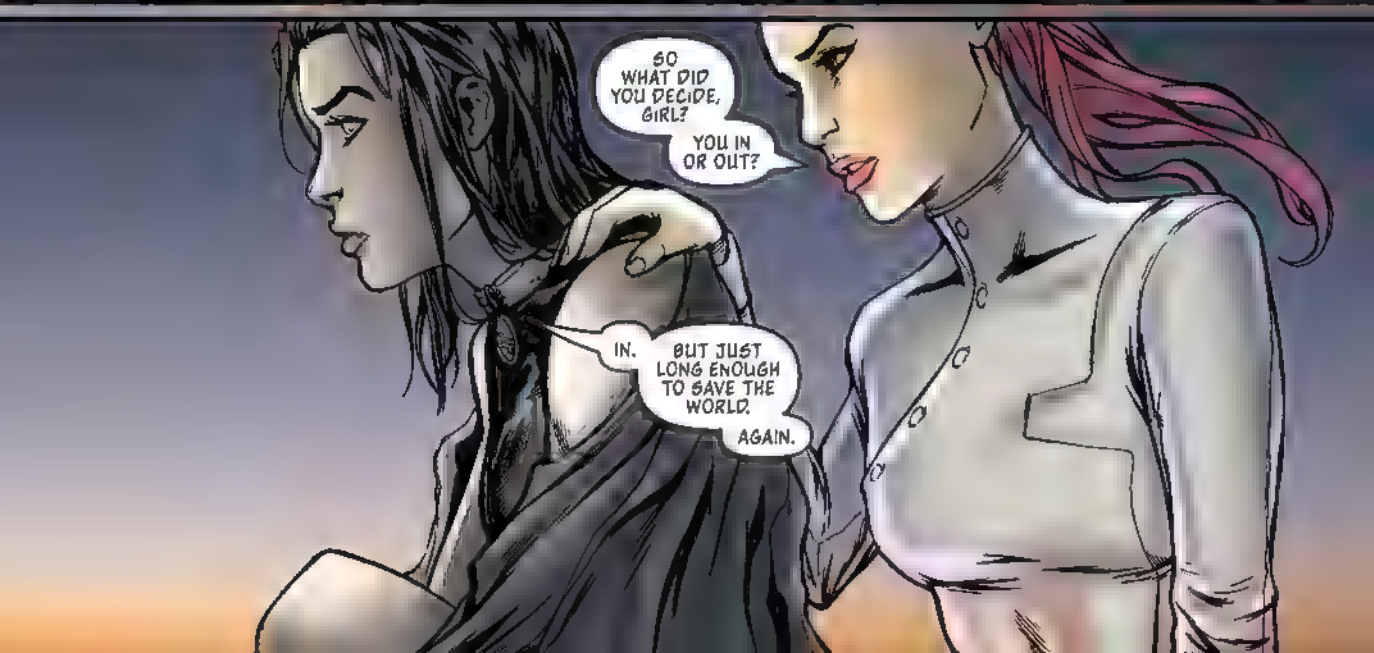
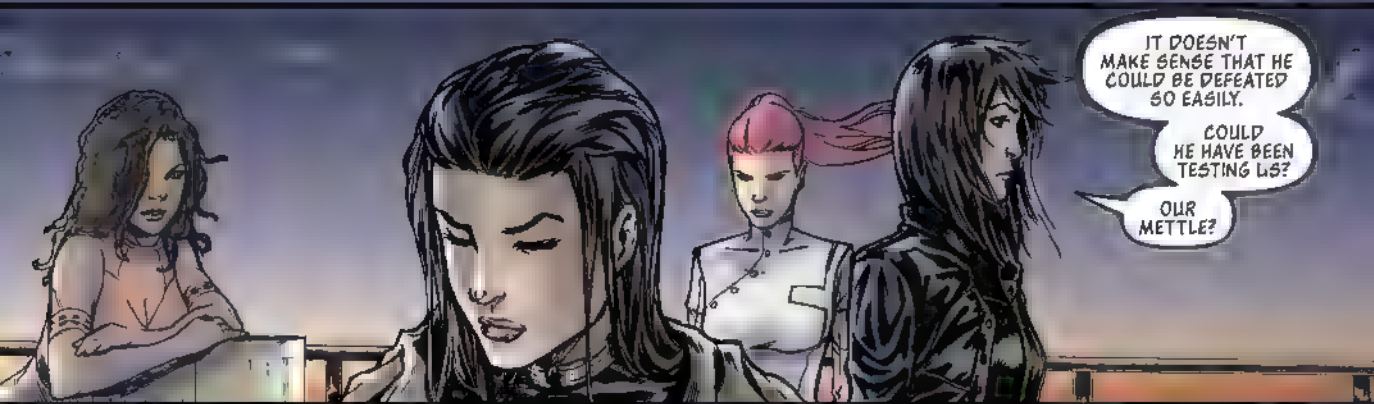
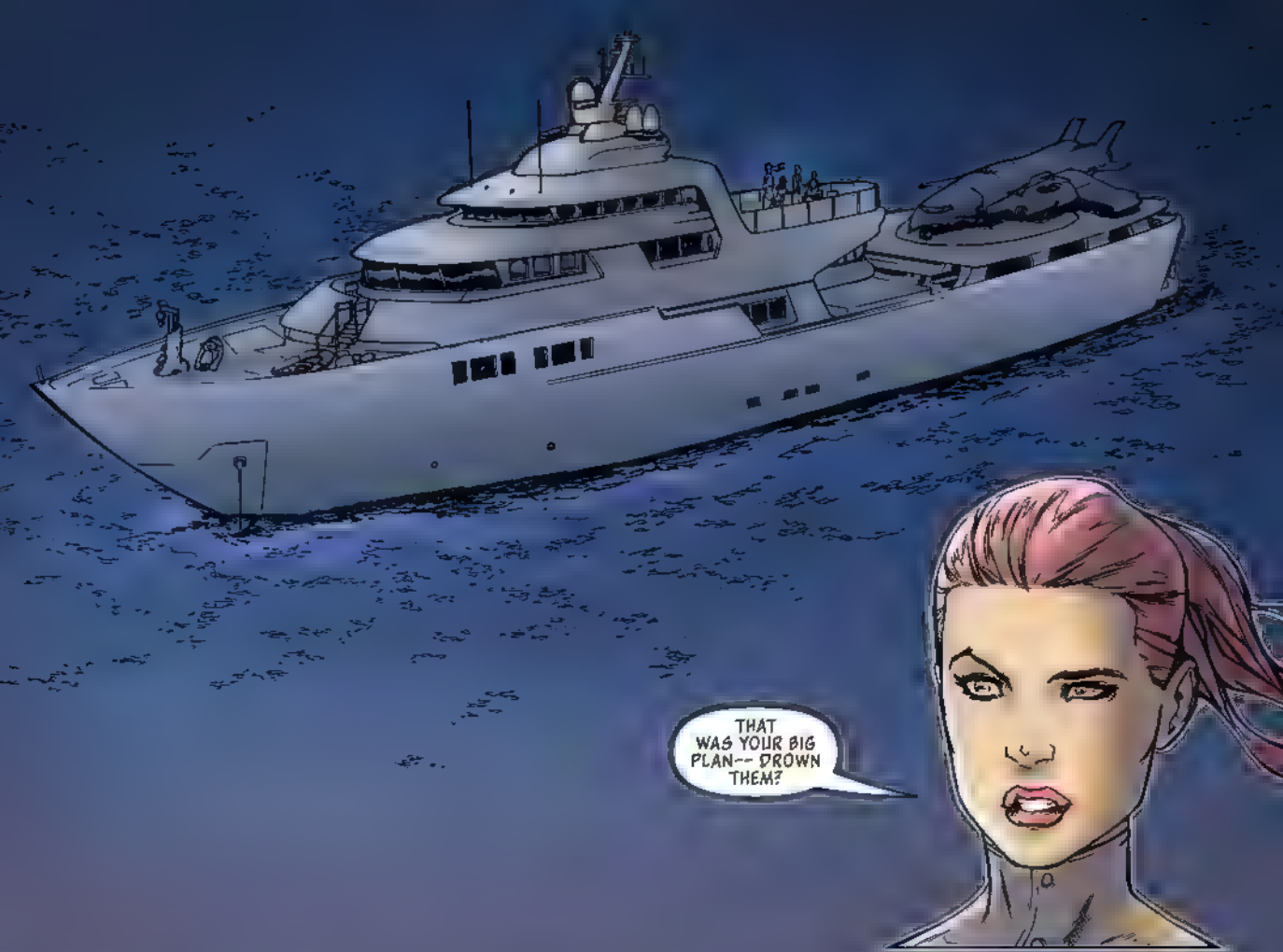


THERE IS
SOMETHING
ABOUT THIS
ONE--

--SOMETHING...
NOT QUITE
RIGHT.









THAT
SOUNDS
F.A.R.

HOW
LONG COULD
IT TAKE?

IF THE
WORLD IS
LOOKING TO THE
FOUR OF US TO
SAVE IT--WE'RE
DOOMED



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I PRAY
YOU CAN'T
HEAR ME.

THAT YOU
CAN'T HEAR
ANYTHING.

IF THIS WORKS...
IT WILL CANCEL OUT
THE INFINITE THOUGHTS AND
SIGHTS AND SOUNDS THAT BURN
THROUGH YOUR BRAIN
EVERY DAY.

IF IT
DOESN'T WORK,
GIA...

...THEN EVEN
MY PRAYERS HAVE
FAILED YOU.



MARE THESE
NUMBERS ARE
PROMISING!
ALPHA THROUGH
ZETA WAVES ALL
SHOW A MARKED
REDUCTION.

WHAT
THE BLOODY
HELL--?!

ARE YOU
TRYING TO UNDO
EVERY BIT OF PROGRESS
WE'VE HAD WITH THE
SUBJECT?!

SHE ISN'T
A "SUBJECT,"
YOU ASS!

SHE'S OUR
DAUGHTER!

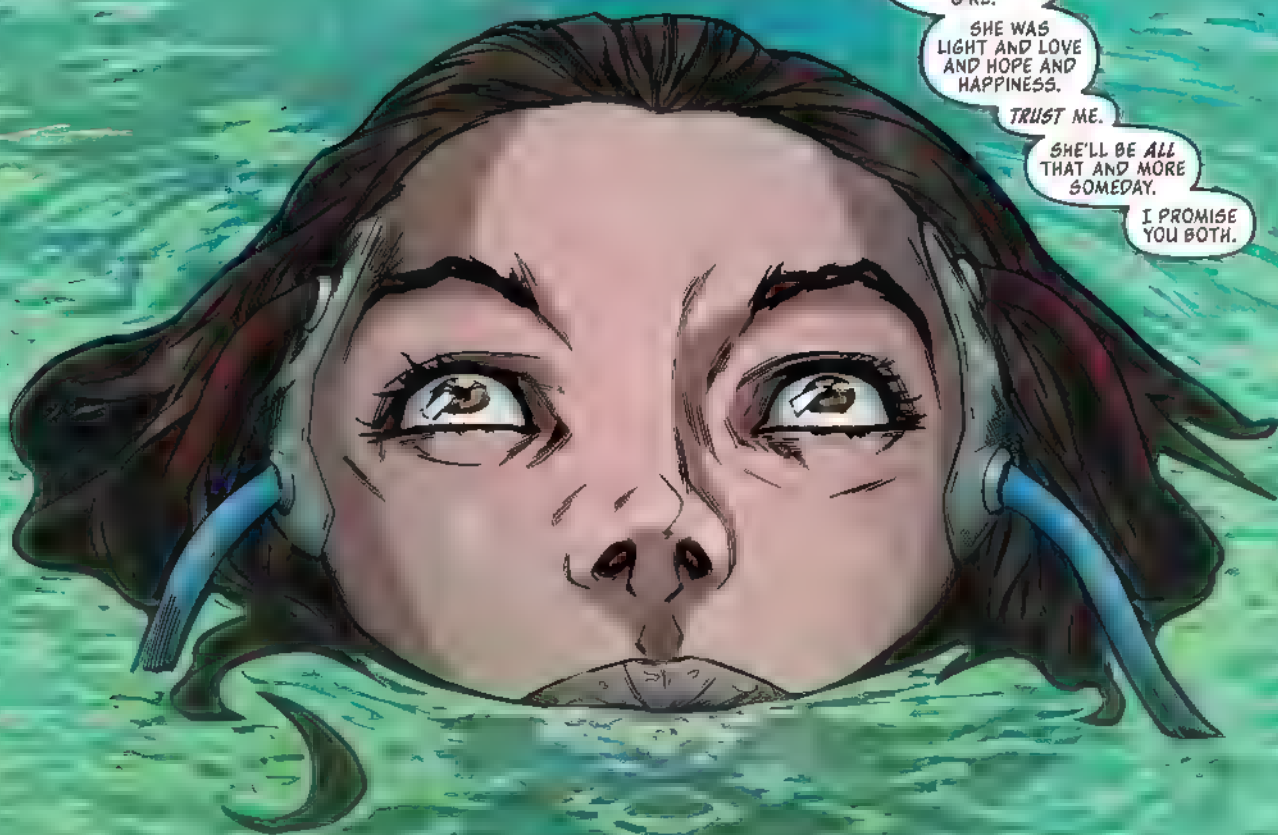
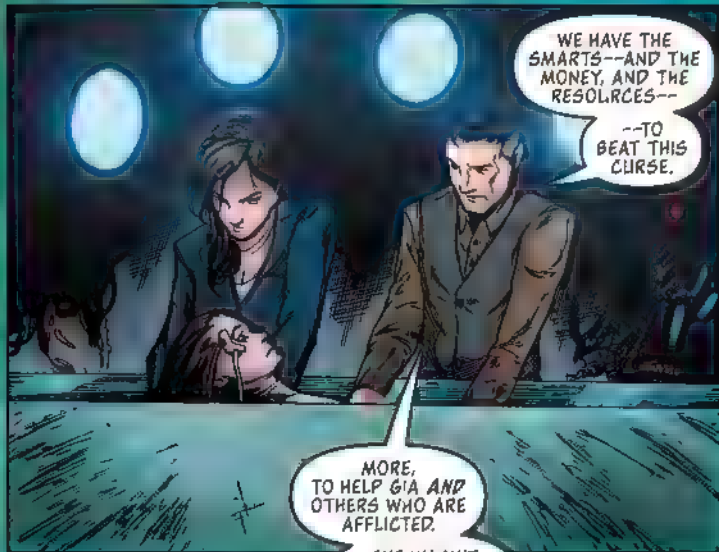
YOU MIGHT
BE CONTENT
TO KEEP HER IN
THIS LAB--

--ISOLATED,
STERILE--

--BUT I
REFUSE TO LET HER
GROW UP WITHOUT
THE TOUCH OF HER
PARENTS!

WHY ARE WE
TRYING TO HELP
HER IF IT MEANS SHE
NEEDS TO GO THROUGH
LIFE AS SOME SORT
OF EMOTIONAL
ZOMBIE?







THIS IS
MADNESS--
THERE MUST BE
ANOTHER
WAY!

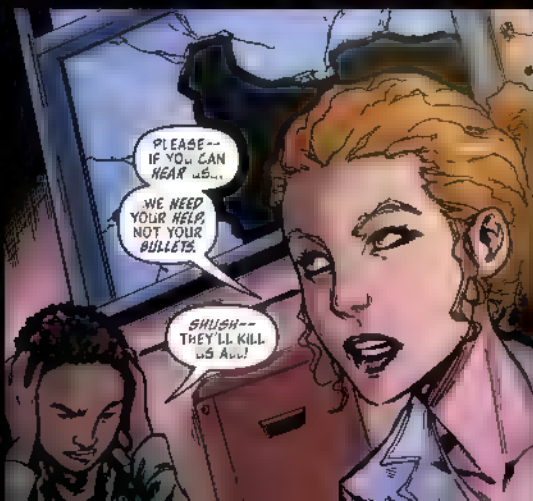
YOU KNOW
THERE IS NOT,
MY FRIEND.

SHUT UP
YOU TWO--
AND FIRE!

WE HAVE
OUR ORDERS.
AND IF WE FAIL--
THE WORLD
DIES!

BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
BLAM

RATATATATATATATATATATAT



VAS? YOU HAD
SOMEWHERE YOU
NEED TO BE?

THERE'S NO
NEED TO TAUNT
THEM, VANA.

NO WAY
IN HELL DO I
APPROVE OF THEIR
METHODS--

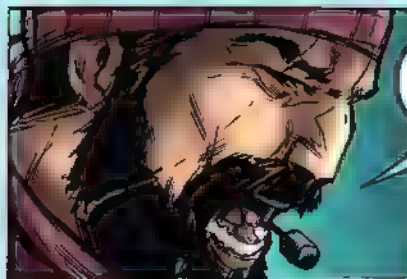
--BUT YOU
KNOW WHAT
THEY'RE UP
AGAINST.

ASPEN IS
RIGHT.

I CAN
TASTE THEIR
HORROR.

I CAN
SCARCELY
BELIEVE I LEFT MY
ISLAND PARADISE
FOR THIS.



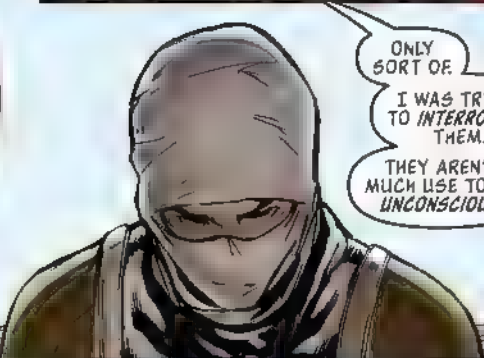
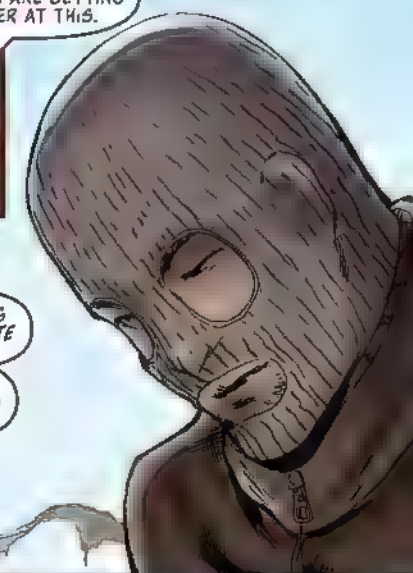
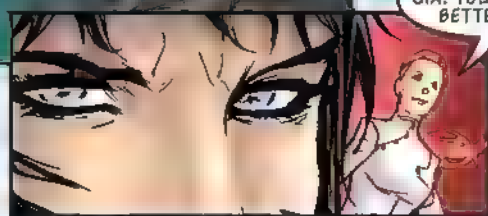


YOU WILL GET NO INFORMATION FROM ME, AMERICAN COW!

YOU HAVE NO AUTHORITY TO--HUR...!

ALL THREE OF THEM OUT LIKE LIGHT BULBS.

I AM IMPRESSED, G.A. YOU ARE GETTING BETTER AT THIS.



ONLY SORT OF.

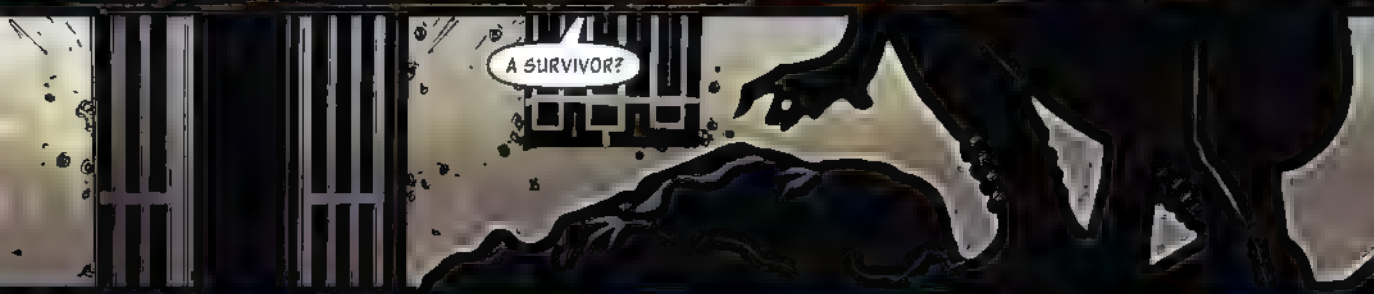
I WAS TRYING TO INTERROGATE THEM.

THEY AREN'T MUCH USE TO US UNCONSCIOUS.



AT LEAST THEY ARE NO LONGER KILLING.

GODDESS! WHY COULD WE NOT HAVE ARRIVED EARLIER?



A SURVIVOR?

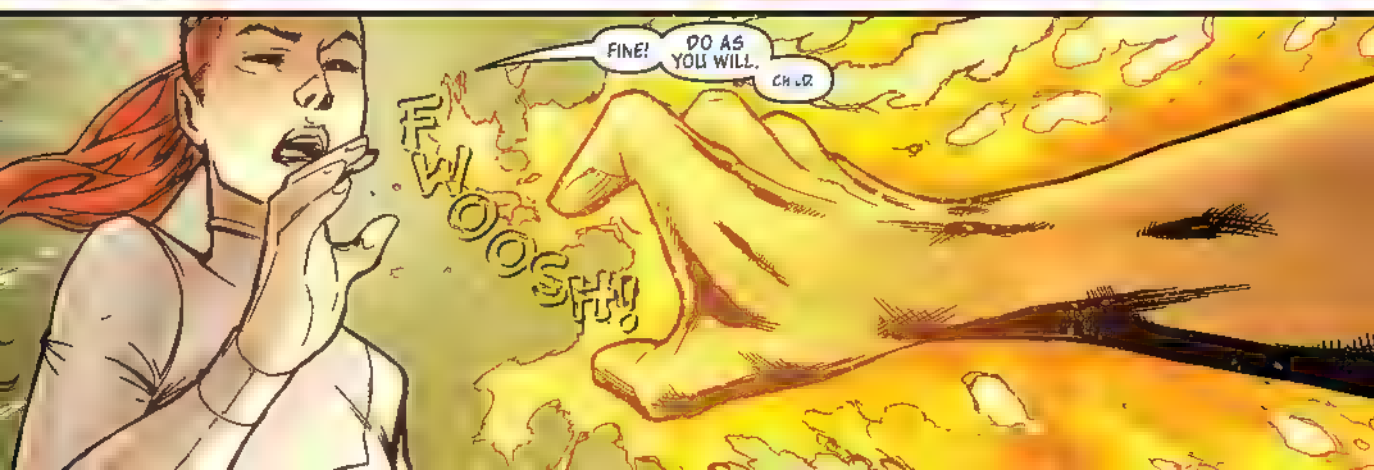
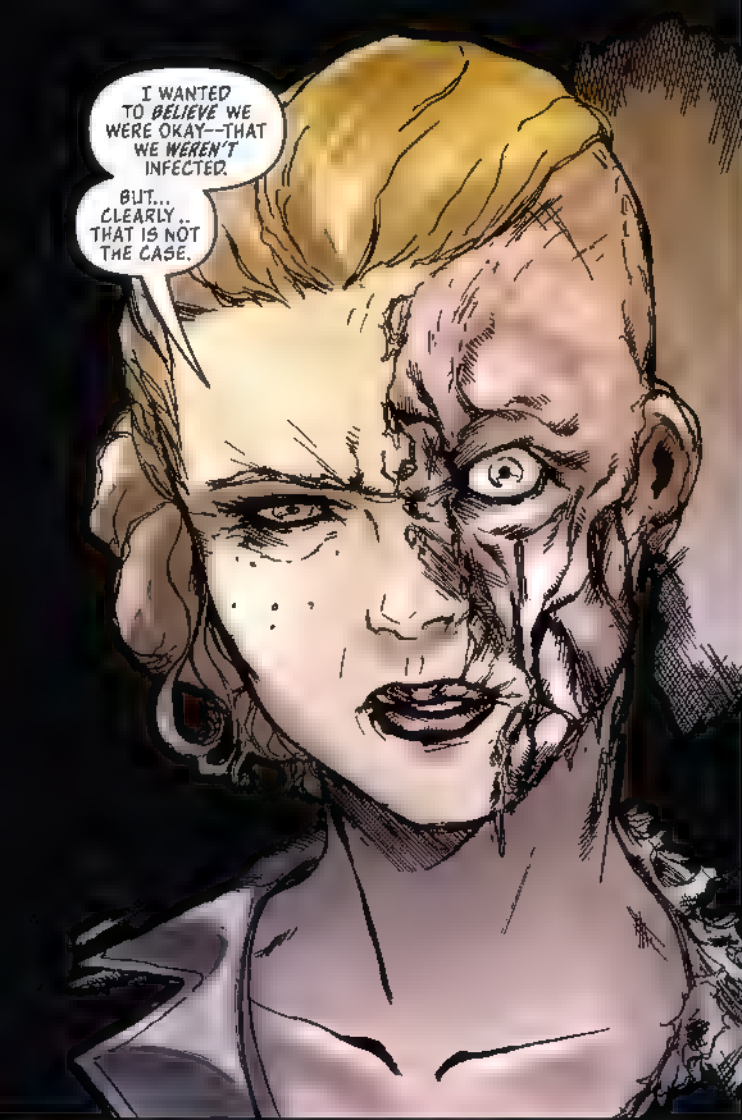


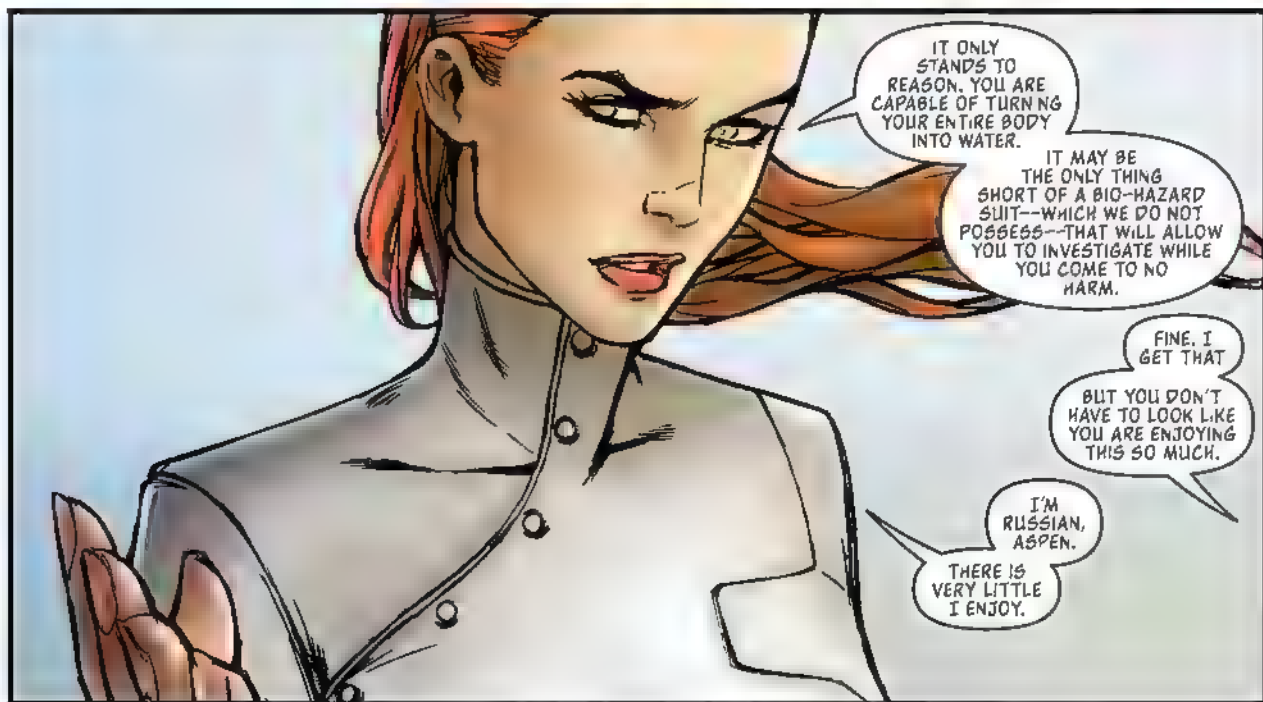
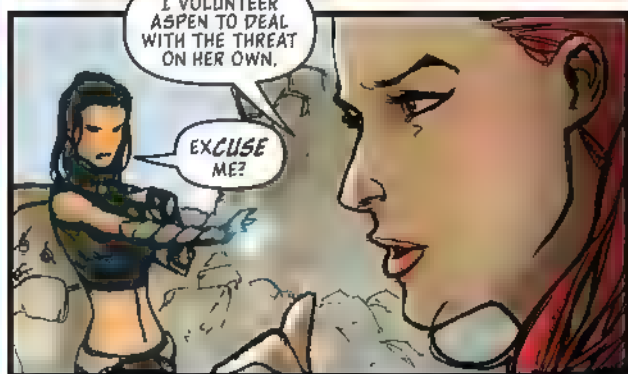
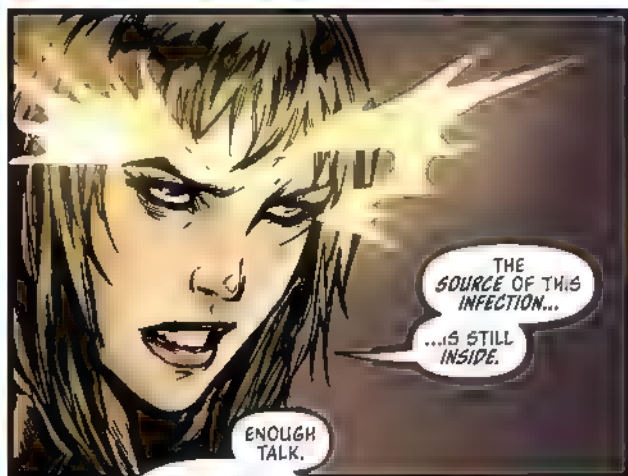
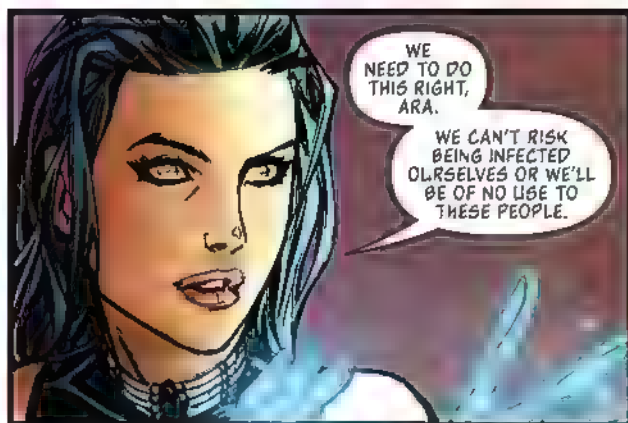
IF YOU CALL THAT... SURVIVING.

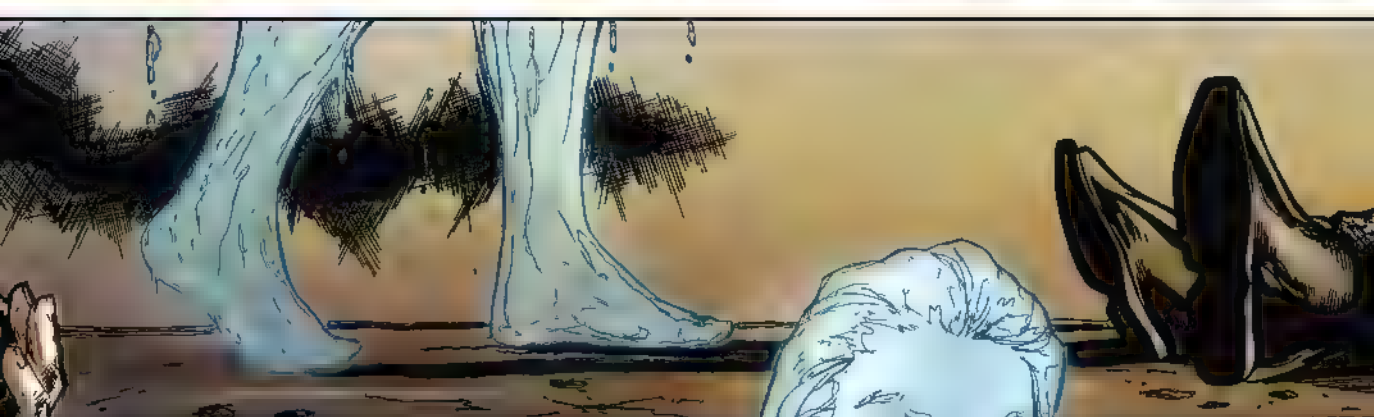
MY GOD

...

WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?







CAN YOU
FEEL ME, LITTLE
DROP?

UHH!

SPEAKING
RIGHT INTO MY
HEAD?

THAT IS ME--
THOSE THOUSANDS
OF STABS AT THE
BASE OF YOUR
NECK.

THE ICE
THAT GRIPS YOUR
HEART.

GAZE
UPON MY MAJESTY,
LITTLE DROP.



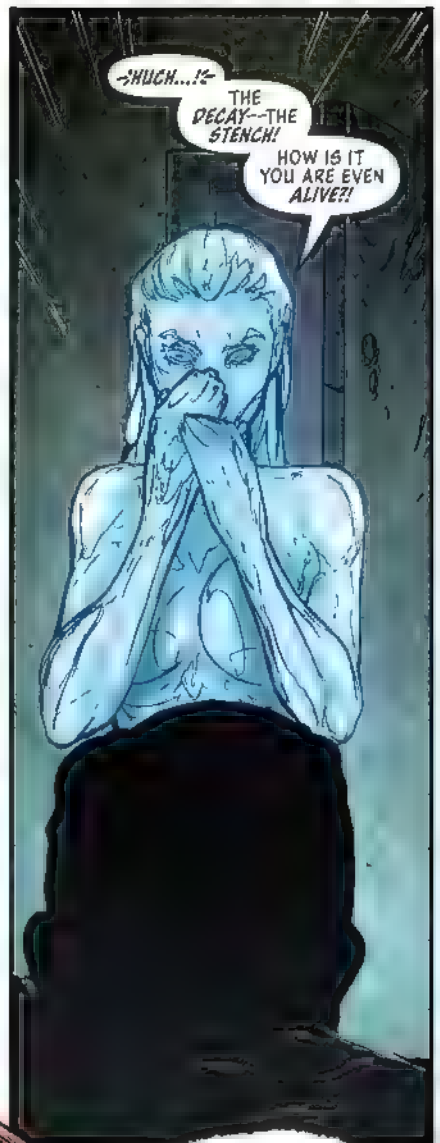


HOW
ODD.

I SENSE
GREAT POWER
IN YOU.

THE FURY
AND MAJESTY
OF THE OCEANS
ARE YOURS TO CONTROL...

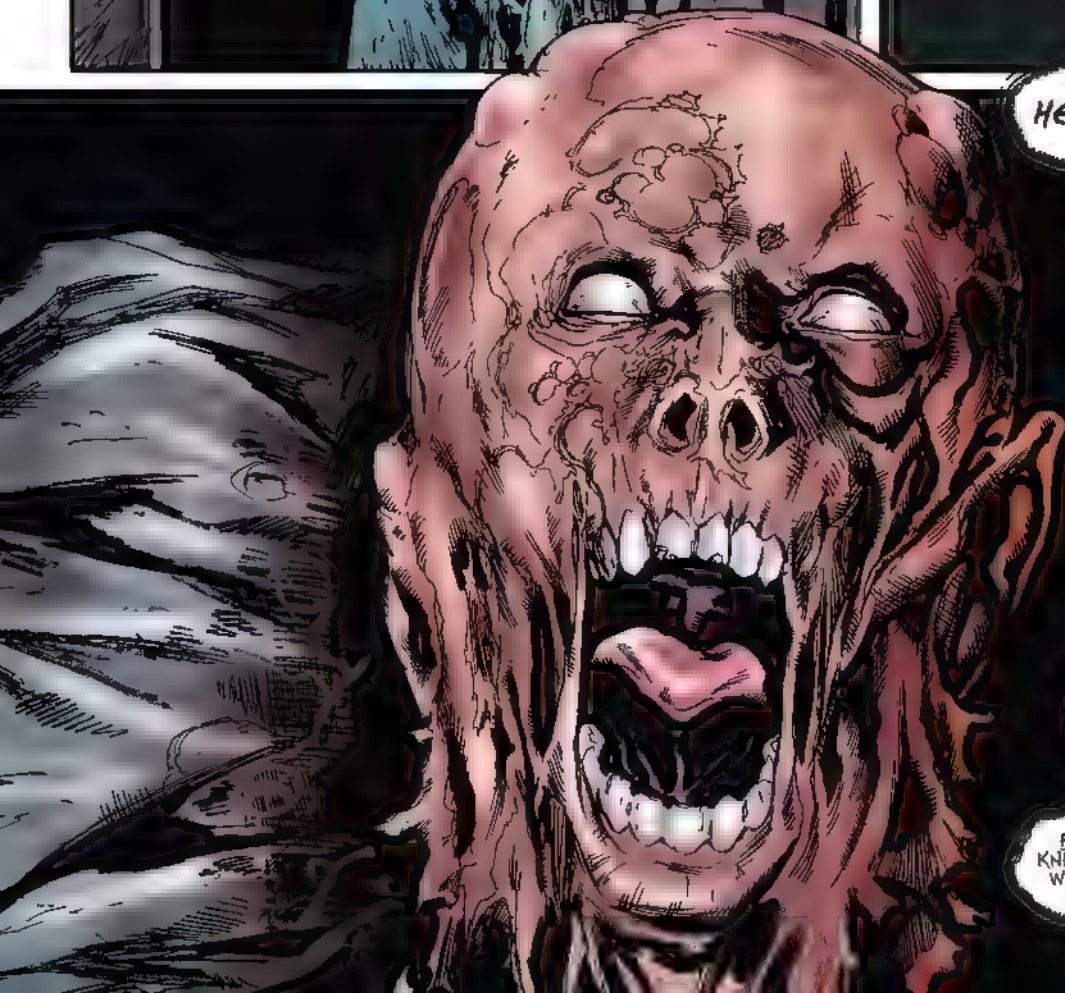
...YET,
YOU ARE TOO
FEARFUL--TOO
HUMAN--TO WIELD
SUCH PRIMAL
POWER.



-HUCH...!-

THE
DECAY--THE
STENCH!

HOW IS IT
YOU ARE EVEN
ALIVE?!



YEWHA
HEEAY HWAY
YAYAYA!

THAT SOUND--
LIKE KITTENS
SCREAMING.

FOR
ALL YOUR
POSTURING...
YOU DID NOT
KNOW I WAS
HERE.

YOU
HAVE NO IDEA
WHO I AM--DO
YOU, LITTLE
DROP?

THEN I HAVE
YOU AT A DISTINCT
DISADVANTAGE, DR.
MATTHEWS.

BECAUSE I
KNOW EXACTLY
WHY YOU ARE
HERE!



MY BROTHERS--
THE OTHER THREE
HORSEMEN, ALONG
WITH OUR VILE
UNCLE--

--ARE
NOT TO BE
TRUSTED.

LEAST
OF ALL BY
ME.

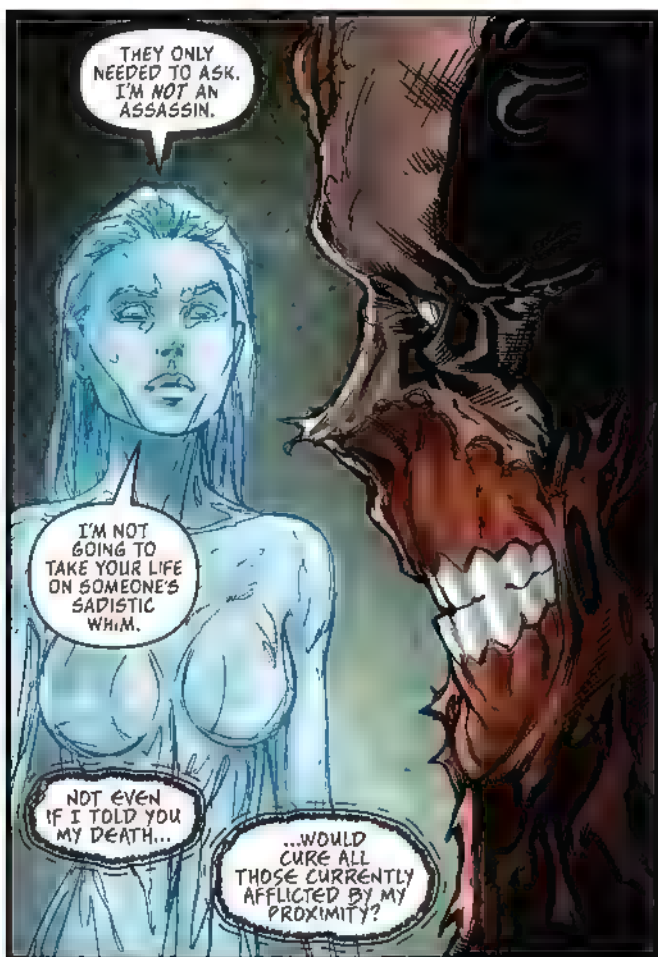
THIS IS NOT
THE FIRST TIME
THE FOUR WOMEN OF
THE ELEMENTS HAVE
CHALLENGED US OVER
THE CENTURIES.

YOU "FOUR
POINTS" HAVE
BEATEN US BACK
AGAIN AND
AGAIN.

MY
FAMILY
WANTED
TO TEST
YOU...

YOUR
RESOLVE...

...THEY
SENT YOU
HERE TO SEE
IF YOU WOULD
KILL ME.



THEY ONLY
NEEDED TO ASK.
I'M NOT AN
ASSASSIN.

I'M NOT
GOING TO
TAKE YOUR LIFE
ON SOMEONE'S
SADISTIC
WHIM.

NOT EVEN
IF I TOLD YOU
MY DEATH...

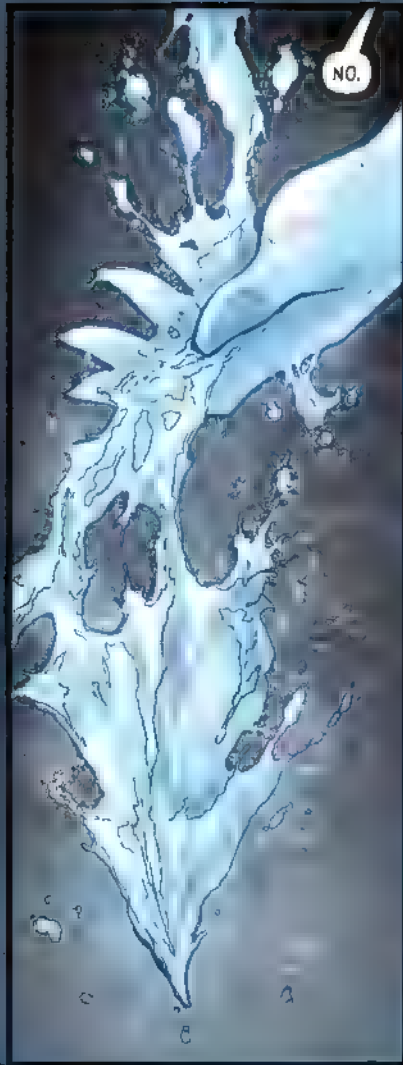
...WOULD
CURE ALL
THOSE CURRENTLY
AFFLICTED BY MY
PROXIMITY?



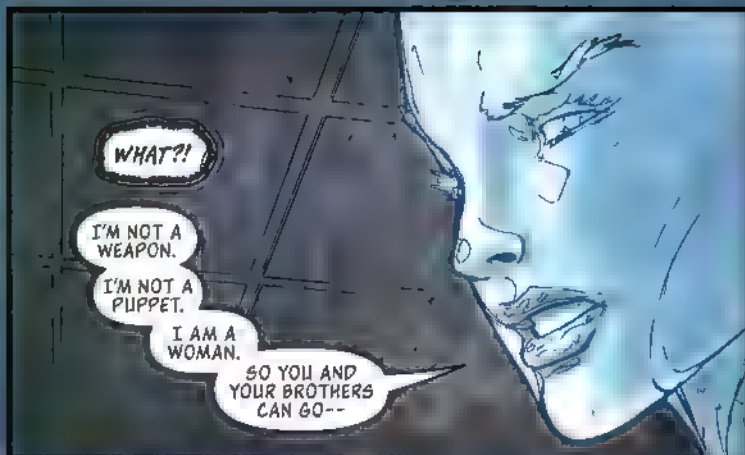
WHY?
WHAT
DO YOU HOPE
TO GET OUT OF
ME KILLING
YOU?

THE ETERNAL
AFTERTASTE OF
YOUR SOUL.

VICTORY.



NO.



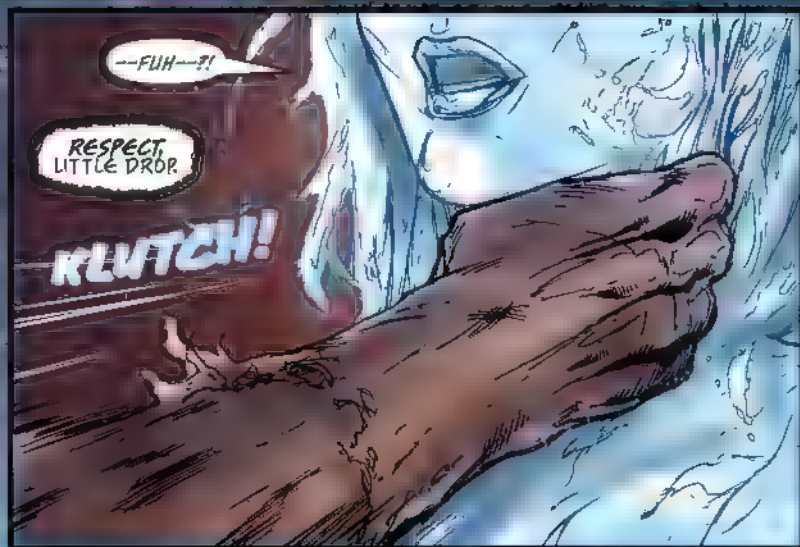
WHAT?!

I'M NOT A
WEAPON.

I'M NOT A
PUPPET.

I AM A
WOMAN.

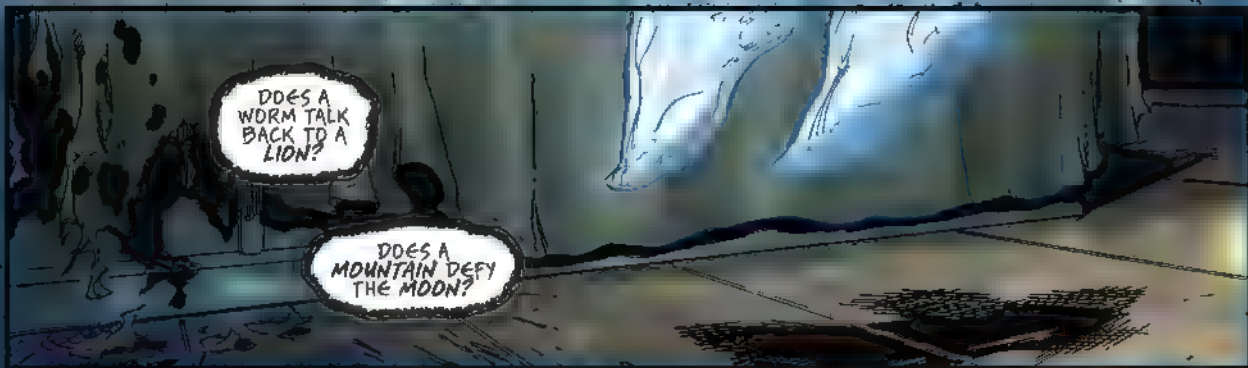
SO YOU AND
YOUR BROTHERS
CAN GO--



--FUH--?!

RESPECT
LITTLE DROP.

KLUTCH!



DOES A
WORM TALK
BACK TO A
LION?

DOES A
MOUNTAIN DEFY
THE MOON?

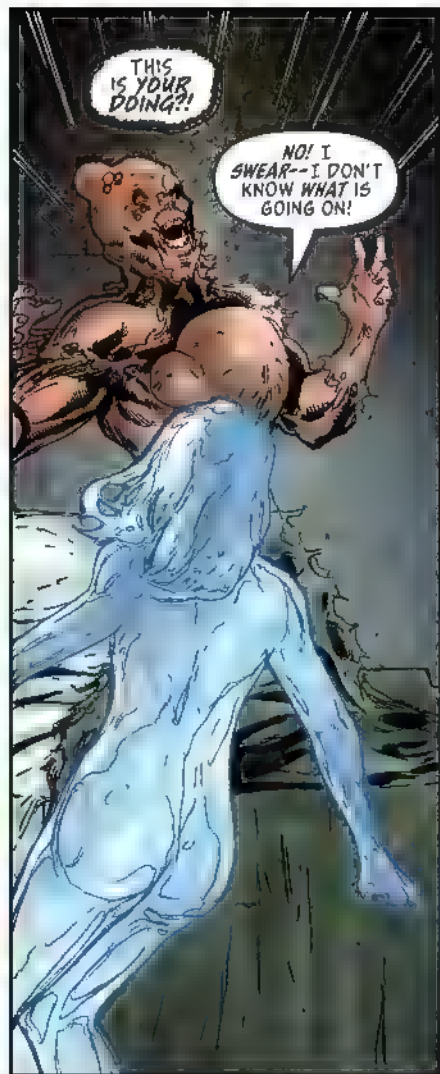
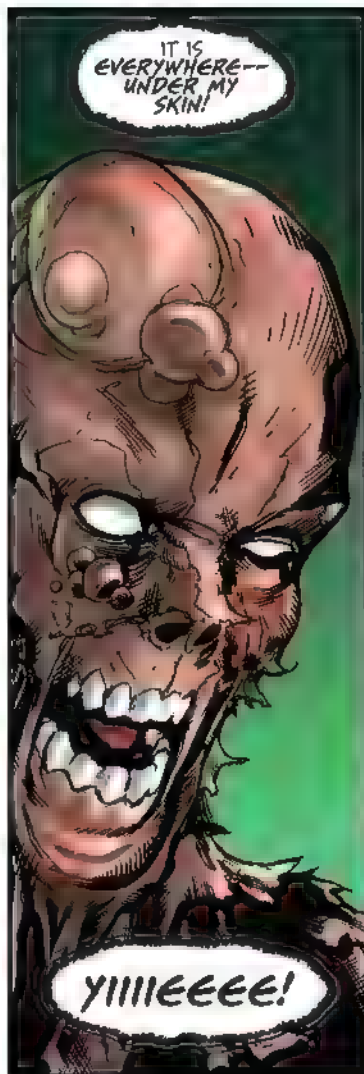


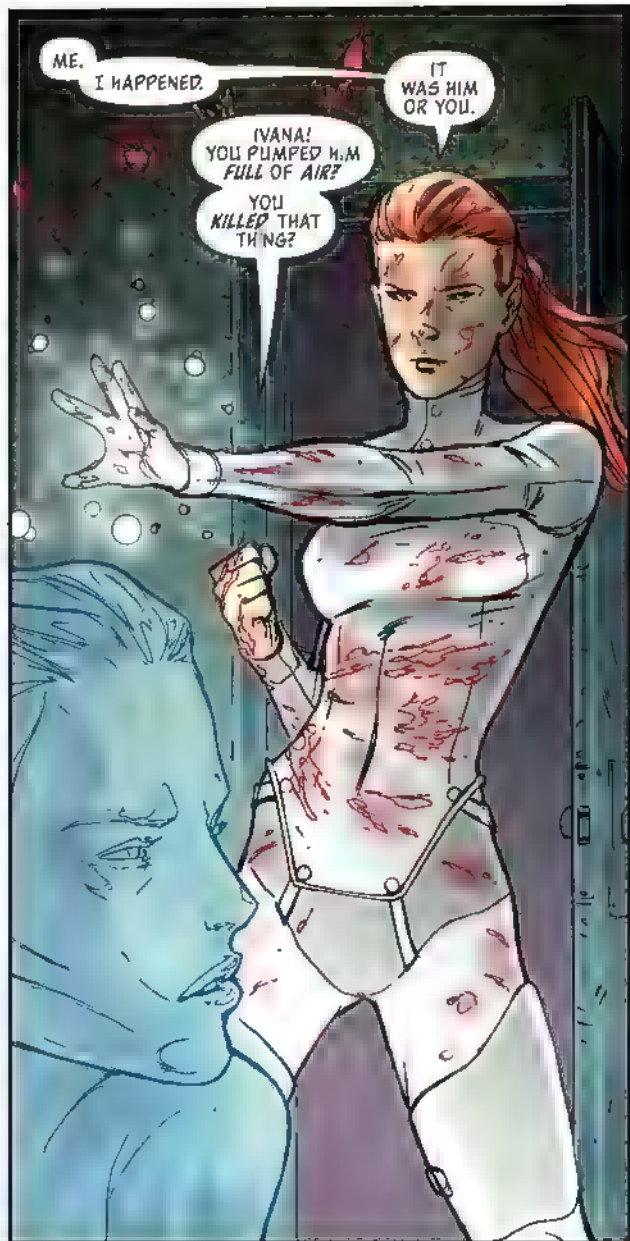
DON'T
UNDERSTAND..

...HOW YOU
AFFECT ME, IN MY
WATER FORM?

IT IS IN THE
ASKING THAT
THE ANSWER
APPEARS.

OBTAINING
YOU ARE NOT UP
TO THE TASK AT
HAND.





ME.
I HAPPENED.

IT
WAS HIM
OR YOU.

IVANA!
YOU PUMPED HIM
FULL OF AIR?
YOU
KILLED THAT
THING?



COME,
LET'S GET OUT
OF HERE.

DON'T
TOUCH ME.
YOU CAN CLAIM
YOU HAD TO
DO IT--



--BUT
YOU ENJOYED
IT. IT'S ALL OVER
YOUR FACE.

I WASN'T
GOING TO
DENY IT, DR.
MATTHEWS.

RIDDING THE
WORLD OF
EVIL IS QUITE
SEDUCTIVE

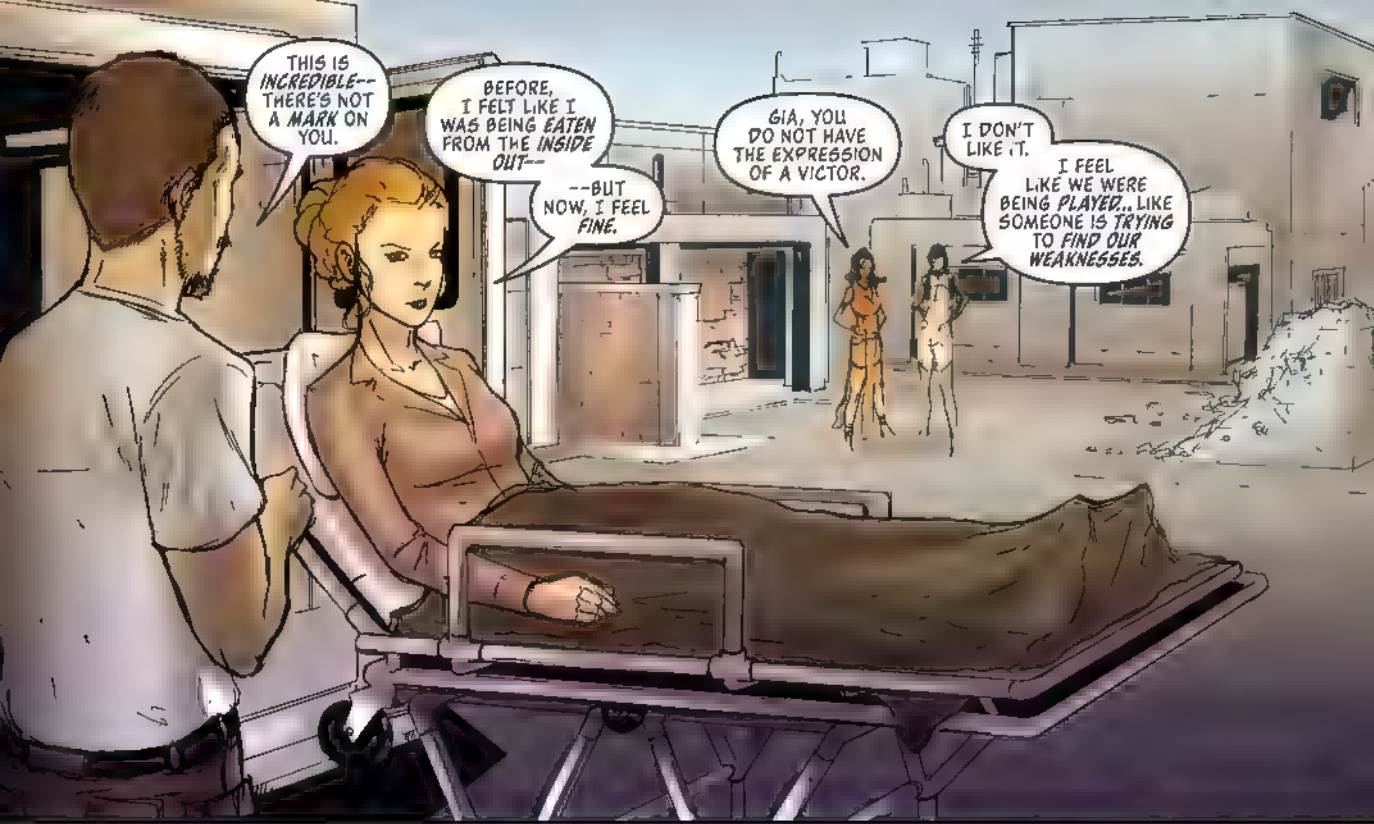


IF YOU
RESORT TO SOLVE
YOUR PROBLEMS,
YOU'RE NO BETTER
THAN THE PEOPLE
WE FIGHT.

SAVE
THE MORAL
ABSOLUTISM FOR
YOUR COLLEGE
CLASSES.

I AM
NOT GOING TO
APOLOGIZE FOR
SAVING LIVES.

IF WE
CAN'T DO
THAT--THEN
WHAT THE HELL
ARE WE HERE
FOR?



THIS IS INCREDIBLE-- THERE'S NOT A MARK ON YOU.

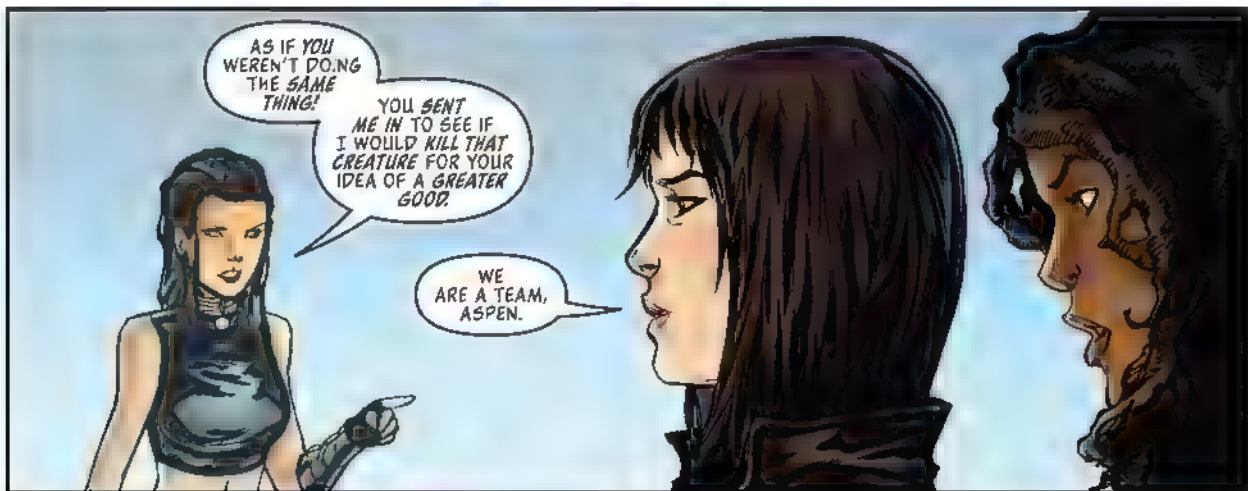
BEFORE, I FELT LIKE I WAS BEING EATEN FROM THE INSIDE OUT--

--BUT NOW, I FEEL FINE.

GIA, YOU DO NOT HAVE THE EXPRESSION OF A VICTOR.

I DON'T LIKE IT.

I FEEL LIKE WE WERE BEING PLAYED... LIKE SOMEONE IS TRYING TO FIND OUR WEAKNESSES.



AS IF YOU WEREN'T DOING THE SAME THING!

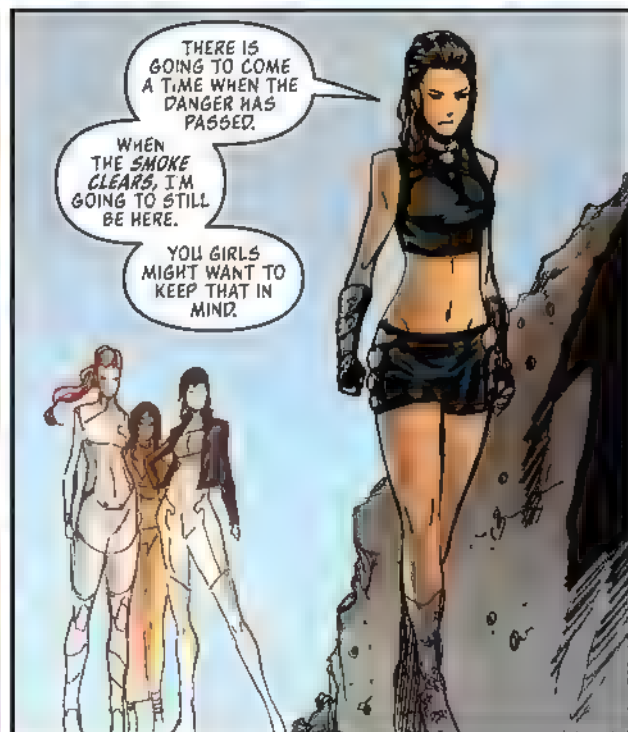
YOU SENT ME IN TO SEE IF I WOULD KILL THAT CREATURE FOR YOUR IDEA OF A GREATER GOOD.

WE ARE A TEAM, ASPEN.



WHAT DON'T YOU GET? LOOK AROUND.

WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE END OF THE WORLD WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THE LUXURY OF MORALITY.



THERE IS GOING TO COME A TIME WHEN THE DANGER HAS PASSED.

WHEN THE SMOKE CLEARS, I'M GOING TO STILL BE HERE.

YOU GIRLS MIGHT WANT TO KEEP THAT IN MIND.

THIS LOOKS
LIKE IT IS GOING TO
BE EASIER THAN WE
THOUGHT...



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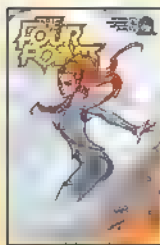
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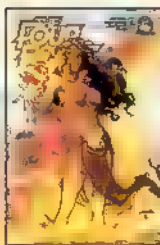
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Gas past was revealed as the difficult choices her parents made in the past continue to haunt her to this day. Meanwhile, the team faced their first true test in the Middle East as a hospital faced with a deadly virus outbreak nearly killed Aspen. Yet, even in their success, the ladies may have set forth their own demise at the hands of those decaying themselves: the Four Horsemen.

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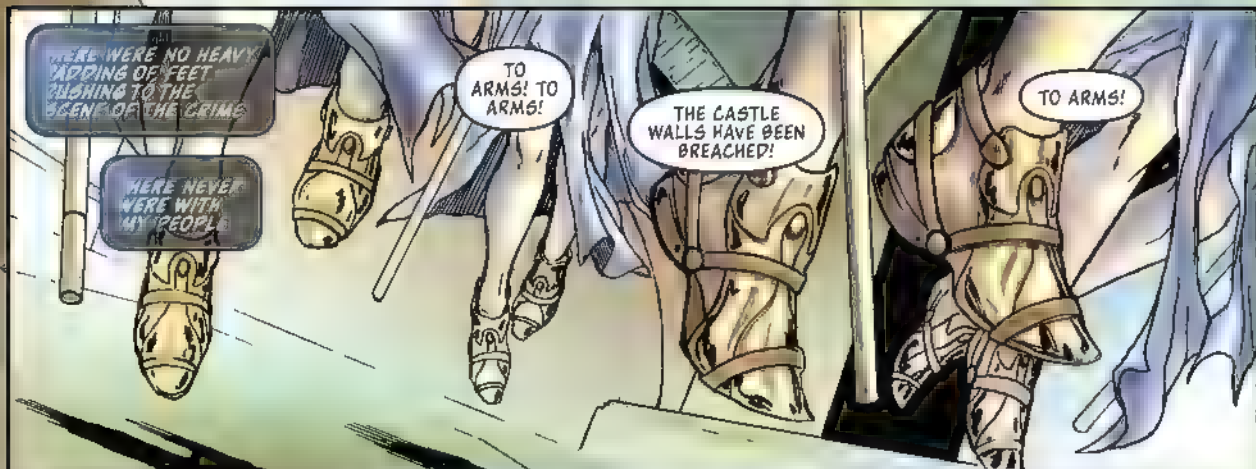
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THERE WERE NO HEAVY
PADDING OF FEET
RUSHING TO THE
SCENE OF THE CRIME

HERE NEVER
WERE WITH
MY PEOPLE

TO
ARMS! TO
ARMS!

THE CASTLE
WALLS HAVE BEEN
BREACHED!

TO ARMS!



FOR CENTURIES—AS YOU
PEOPLE MEASURE TIME—
MY PEOPLE HAD LIVED IN
LONELY ISOLATION.

I LIVED ABOVE

UNTIL THIS DAY.



THIS WAS THE DAY OUR WORLD STARTED TO CHANGE

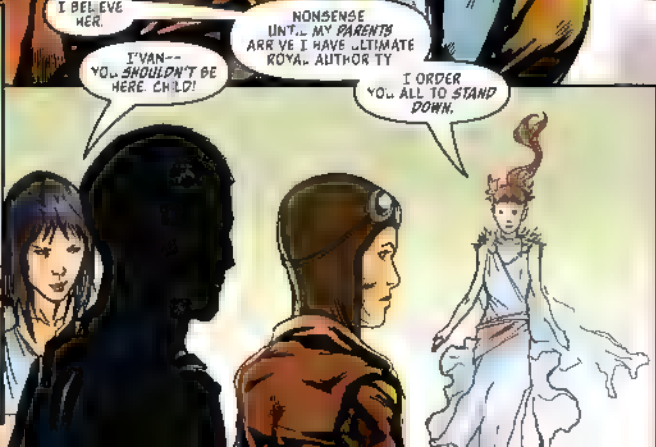
I DON'T UNDERSTAND--I'M SO SORRY!
HOW COULD I HAVE EXPECTED THIS?



ARE YOU PRETENDING YOU ARE INNOCENT, HL MANT?

THAT YOU WERE NOT TRYING TO ATTACK US?

I'M NOT A SOLDIER, I'M A LOT!
I WOULD NEVER HAVE CRASHED MY PLANE ON PURPOSE.



I BELIEVE HER.

I'VE-- YOU SHOULDN'T BE HERE CHILD!

NONSENSE UNTIL MY PARENTS ARRIVE I HAVE ULTIMATE ROYAL AUTHORITY

I ORDER YOU ALL TO STAND DOWN.

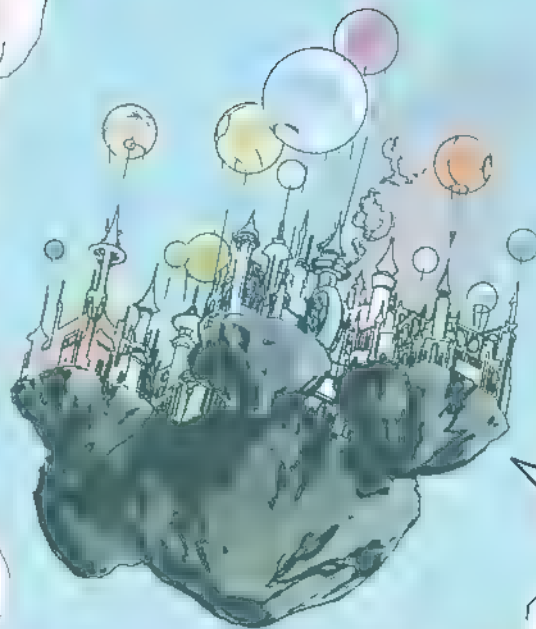


HELLO, I
AM NAMED I'VAN
HIGHPLACE.

WELCOME.

I'M AMELIA
EARHART.

I ADMIT, I'M
A LITTLE SHOCKED.
CONFUSED..



...WHO
ARE YOU
PEOPLE?

AL A FAIR QUESTION.

BUT ANY ANSWER SHE GOT
WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN
ACCURATE A WEEK LATER.

BECAUSE AFTER
HER ARRIVAL...

...NOTHING WAS EVER
THE SAME AGAIN.

HUNDRED YEARS LATER.

IT'S
SO BEAUTIFUL
HERE.

SO QUIET.

IT IS ALMOST
IMPOSSIBLE TO
BELIEVE WE ARE ONLY
A HEARTBEAT AWAY
FROM THE END OF...
EVERYTHING.

FOR YOU,
ARA.

I'VE ACTUALLY
BEEN IN THE MIDDLE
OF A CIVIL WAR BETWEEN
TWO DIFFERENT RACES
FOR FOREVER IT
FEELS LIKE.

I HAVE
FIRSTHAND
EXPERIENCE IN
NOTHING EVER
BEING WHAT
IT SEEMS.

THAT'S
THE PART THAT
CONFUSES ME.

OUT
OF THE THREE
OF US, ASPEN--YOU
HAVE THE MOST
EXPERIENCE.

BUT YOU
SHY AWAY FROM YOUR
RESPONSIBILITY

NOT
AT ALL,
ARA...

...I'M NOT
WALKING
AWAY FROM
ANYTHING.

I'M HOLDING
ONTO MY
HUMANITY.

I'M NOT
GOING TO
BECOME A KILLER
ON GIAS' SAY
SO.

I UNDERSTAND
NOW.

YOU ARE A
LOVER NOT A
FIGHTER.

UM...
YEAH--I GUESS
YOU COULD SAY
THAT.



ARA,
DID YOU
CALL FOR
A CAR?

FROM
THE POINT? NO,
ASPEN.

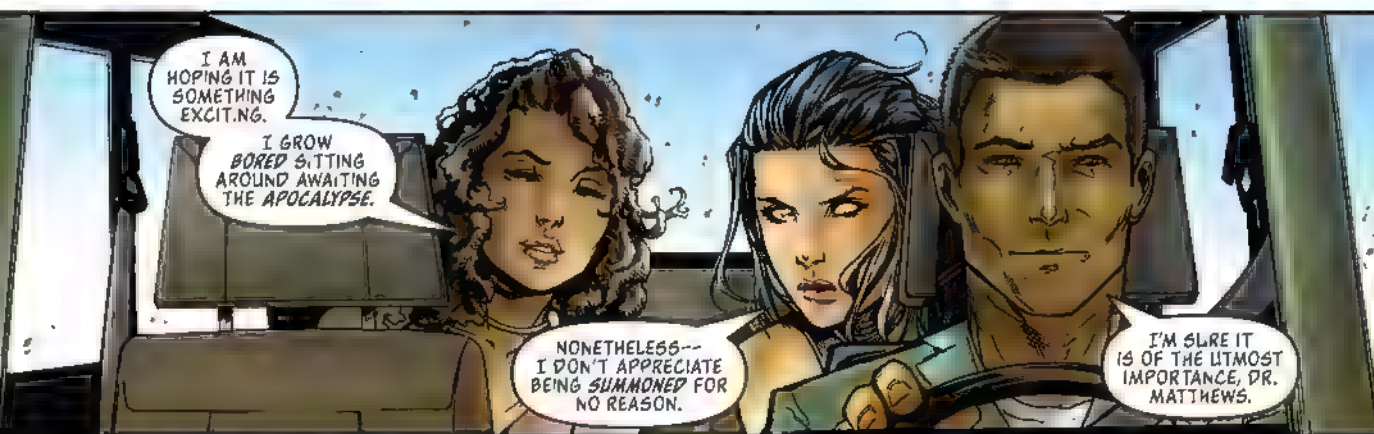


...BUT I DO NOT
KNOW HOW THEY
COULD HAVE KNOWN
WE WERE ALL THE
WAY OUT HERE.

LADIES,
YOU'RE NEEDED
BACK ON THE
BASE.

GIA SAYS IT IS
IMPORTANT.

I BELIEVE
YOUR BOSS
HAS ONLY ONE
SETTING:
ALARM.

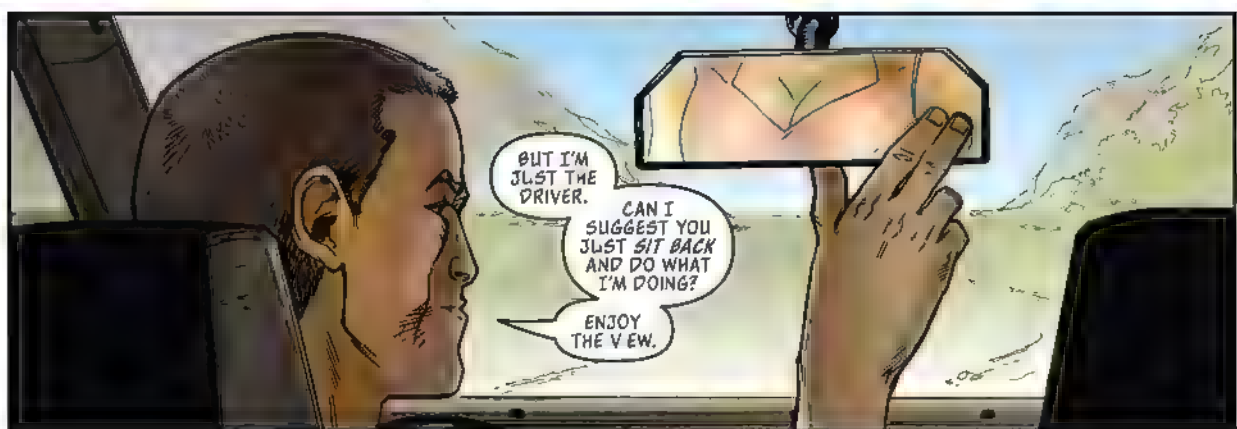


I AM
HOPING IT IS
SOMETHING
EXCITING.

I GROW
BORED SITTING
AROUND AWAITING
THE APOCALYPSE.

NONETHELESS--
I DON'T APPRECIATE
BEING SUMMONED FOR
NO REASON.

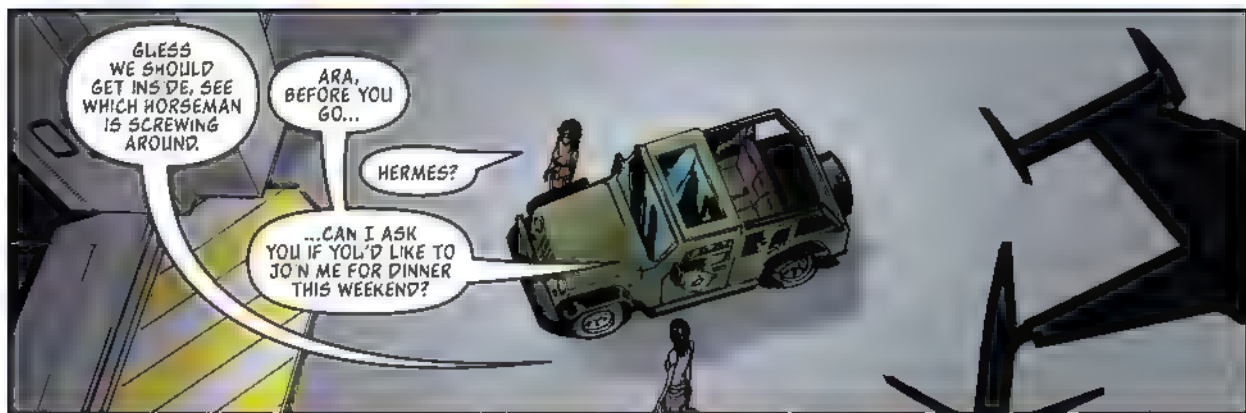
I'M SURE IT
IS OF THE UTMOST
IMPORTANCE, DR.
MATTHEWS.



BUT I'M
JUST THE
DRIVER.

CAN I
SUGGEST YOU
JUST SIT BACK
AND DO WHAT
I'M DOING?

ENJOY
THE VIEW.





THAT'S CERTAINLY DISTURBING

THOSE POOR WOMEN--IT IS HORRIBLE!



IMAGINE HOW I FEEL

YOUR MIND MUST BE FILLED WITH THE MOST TORTURED AND TWISTED THOUGHTS, GINA

EXACTLY. EVEN ALL THE WAY FROM ATLANTIC CITY.

THAT'S WHY I AM WEARING THIS PSYCHIC DAMPENING DEVICE.

I'M AFRAID I'D GO LOONY AGAIN WITHOUT IT WHILE WE TRY TO DECEIVE WHO IS AT THE BOTTOM OF THIS.

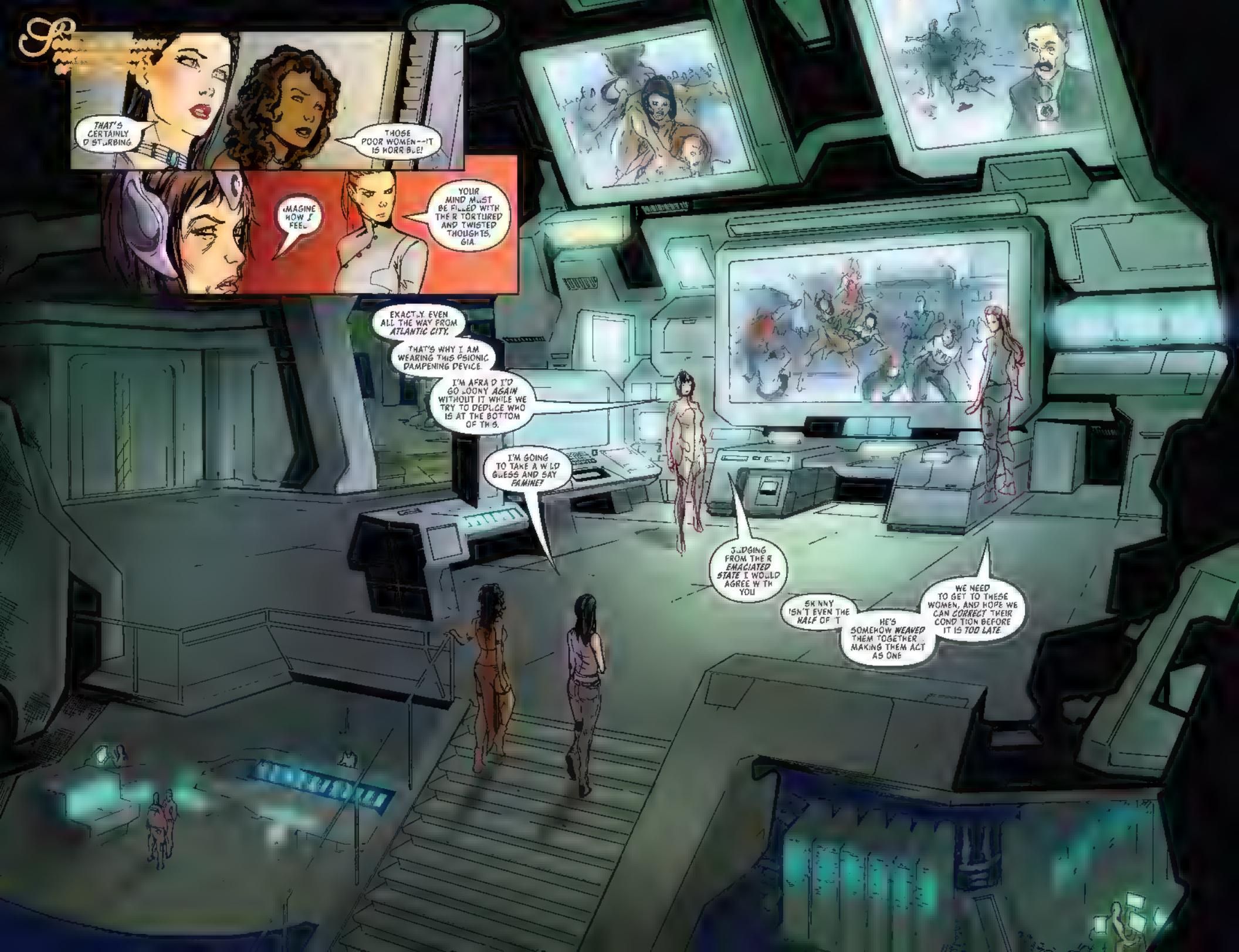
I'M GOING TO TAKE A WILD GUESS AND SAY FAMINE?

JUDGING FROM THE EMACIATED STATE I WOULD AGREE WITH YOU

SKINNY ISN'T EVEN THE HALF OF IT

HE'S SOMEHOW WEAVED THEM TOGETHER MAKING THEM ACT AS ONE

WE NEED TO GET TO THESE WOMEN, AND HOPE WE CAN CORRECT THEIR CONDITION BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE



OWN TOWN LOS ANGELES

I NEVER
LIKED TO LISTEN
TO REAL ESTATE
AGENTS.

EVEN
IN ANCIENT
EGYPT.

THEY
SIMPLY BORE ME
TO DEATH...

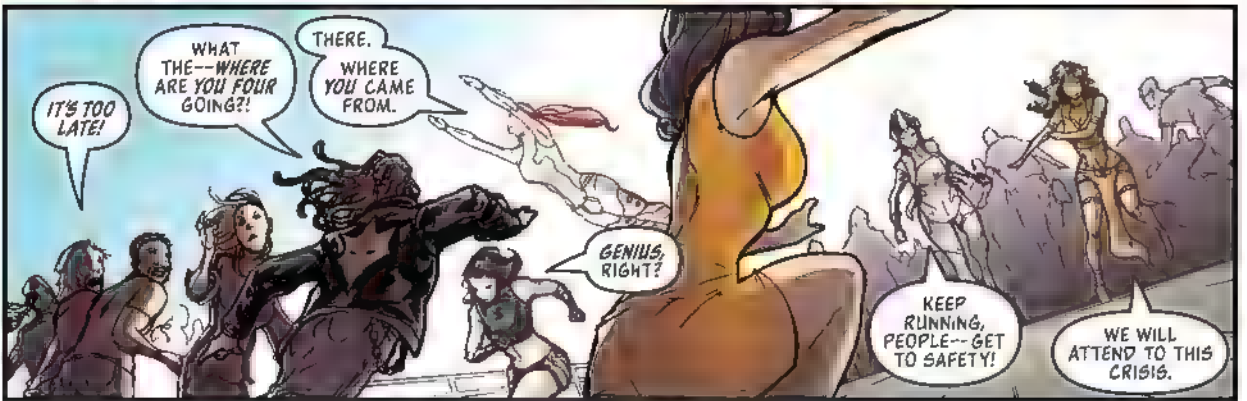
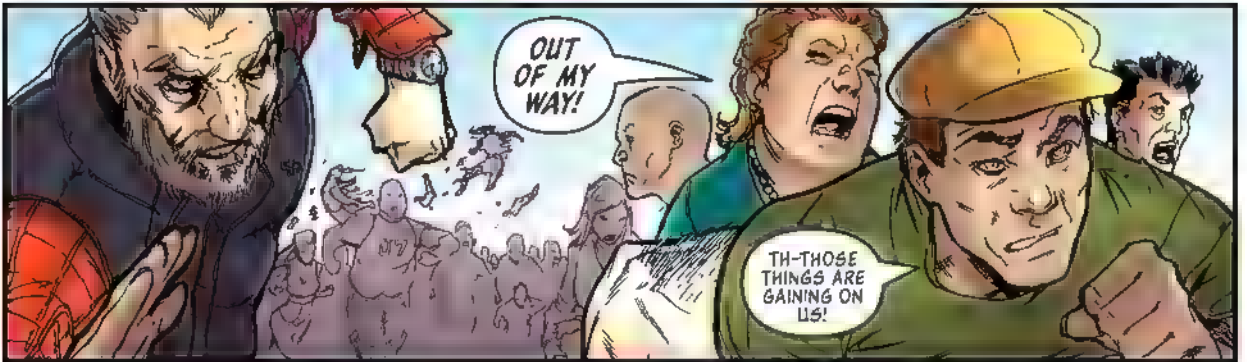
...ALLOW
ME TO RETURN THE
FAVOR, HUMAN.

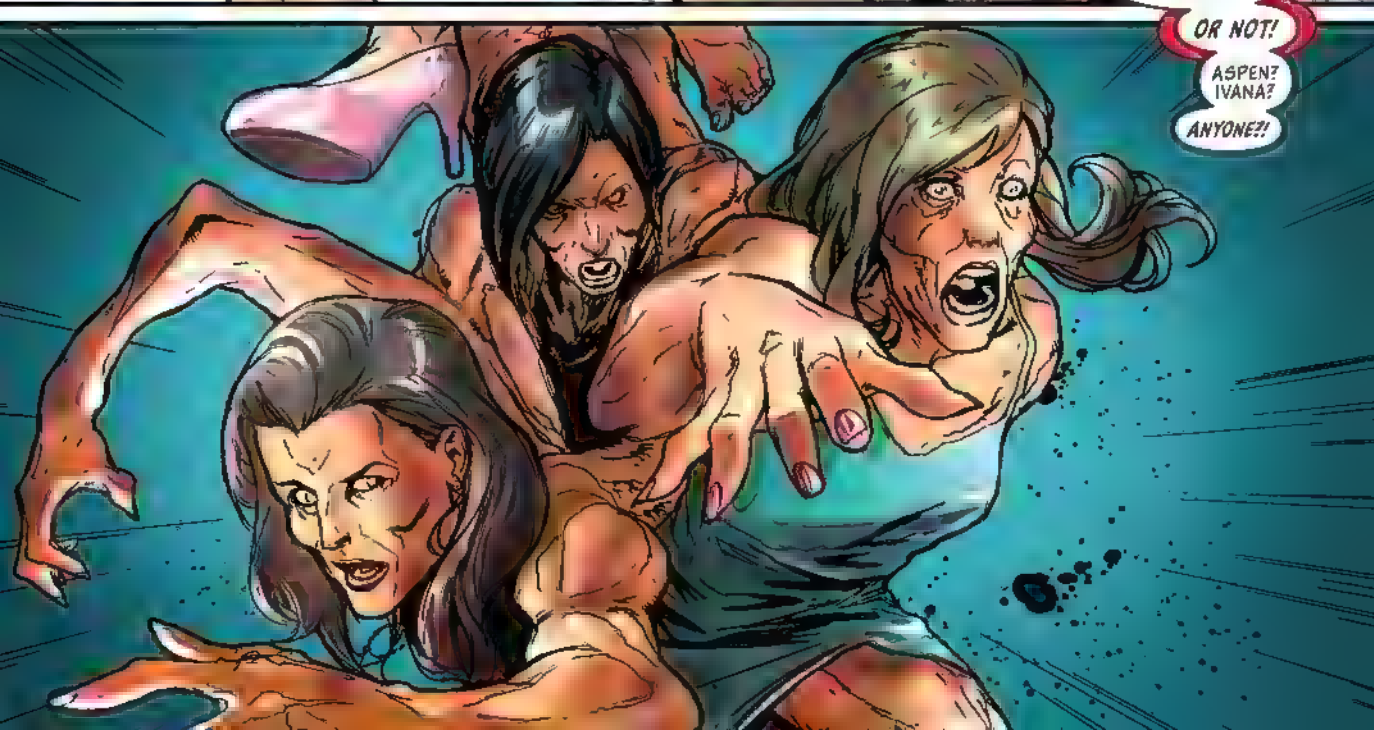
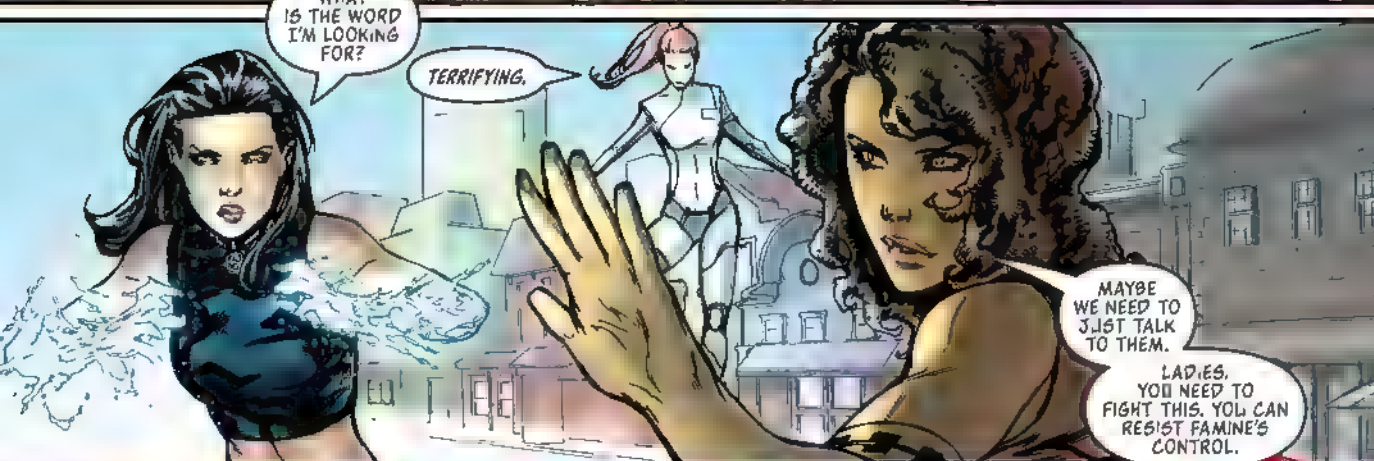
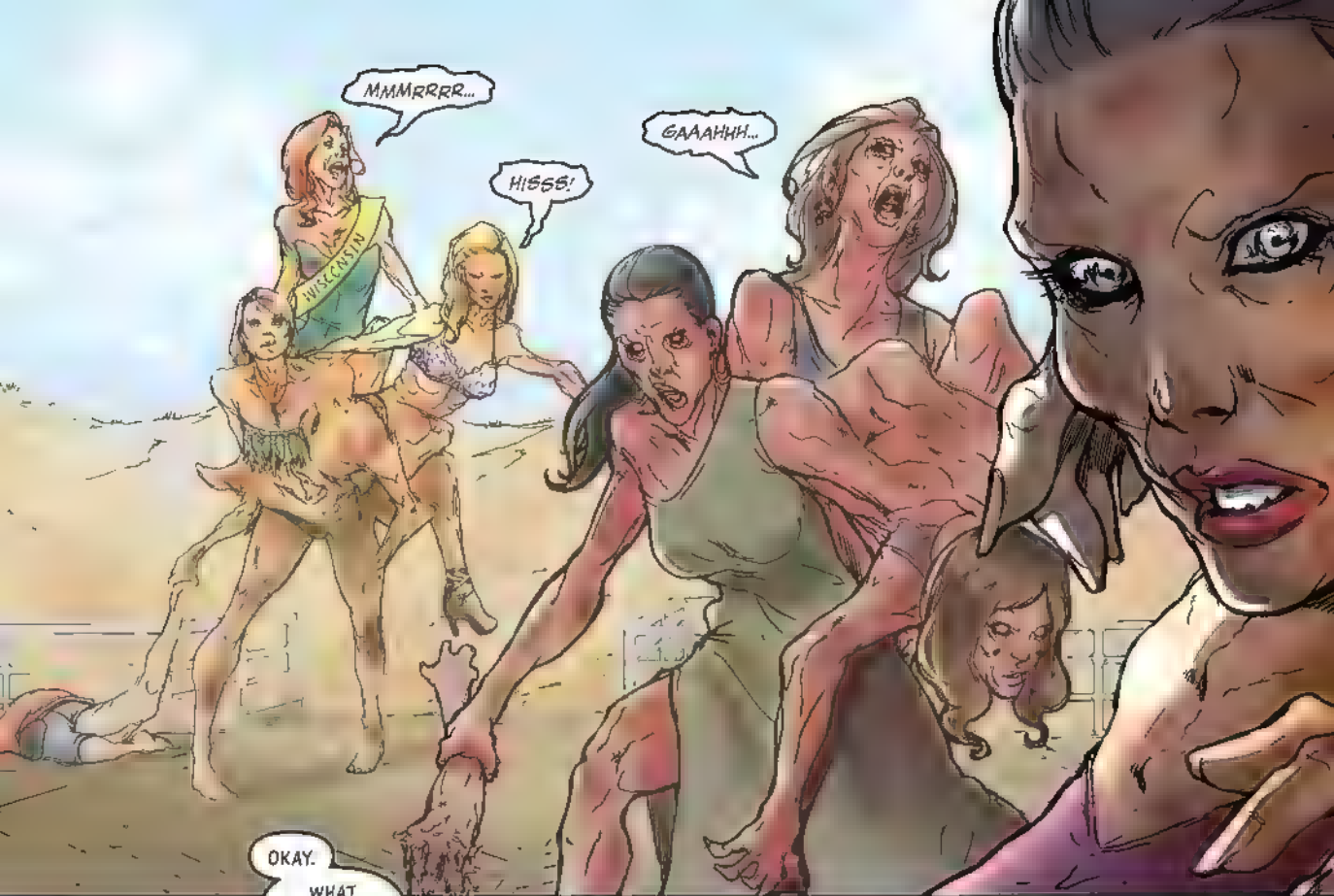
BUT I DO
AGREE WITH YOUR
LAST WORDS.

THIS PLACE
IS PERFECT.

BY THE TIME
MY FOUR NEPHEWS
HAVE FIGURED OUT WHAT
I'VE BEEN DOING WHILE THEY
PLAY THEIR CHILDISH ONE-
UPMANSHIP W/TH
EACH OTHER...

...IT WILL BE
FAR TOO LATE FOR
EVERYONE!



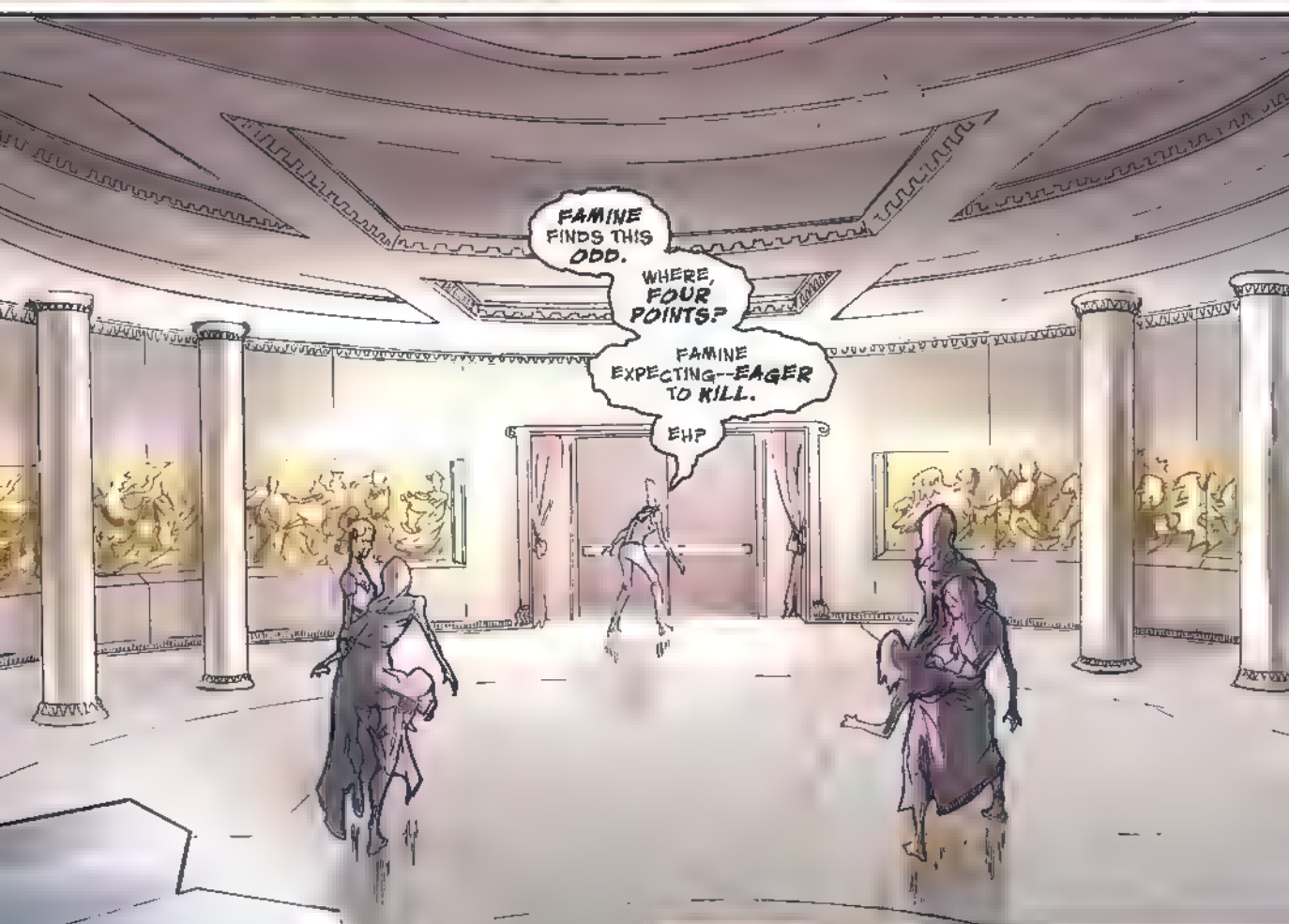
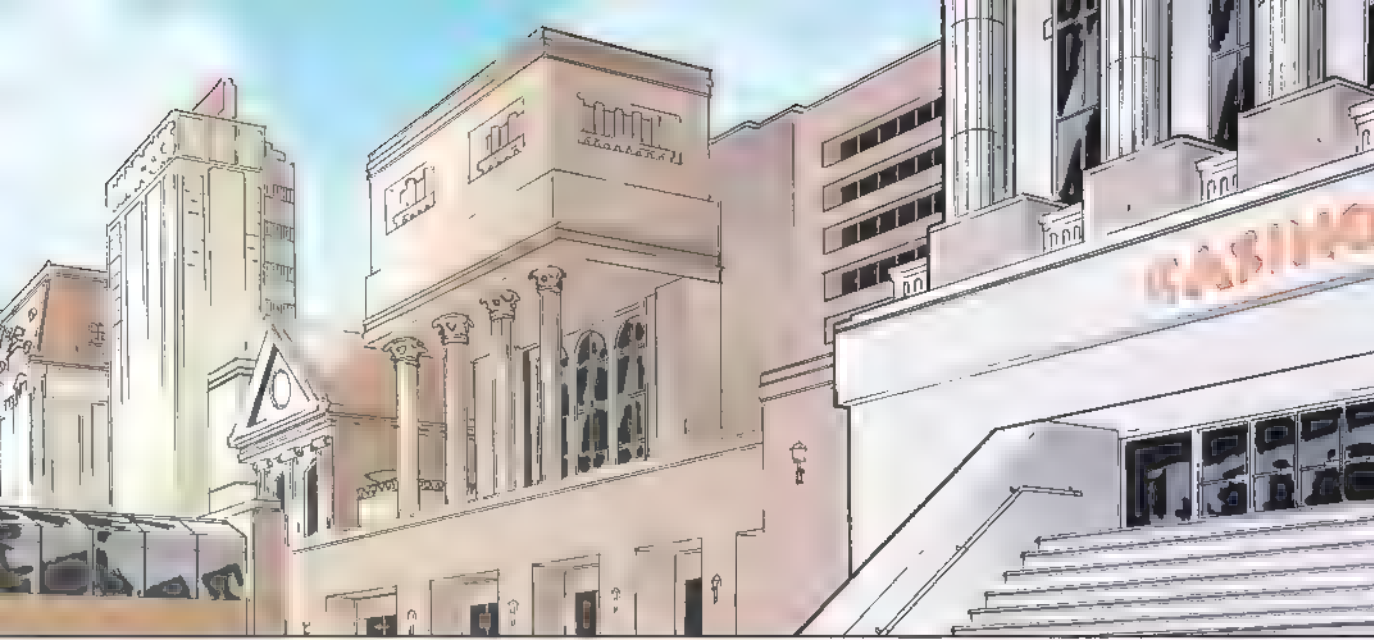




FWASH!

I'M JUST
THROWING THIS
OUT THERE...
...BUT, HOW
ABOUT THIS FOR
A PLAN B?

FWOOSH!

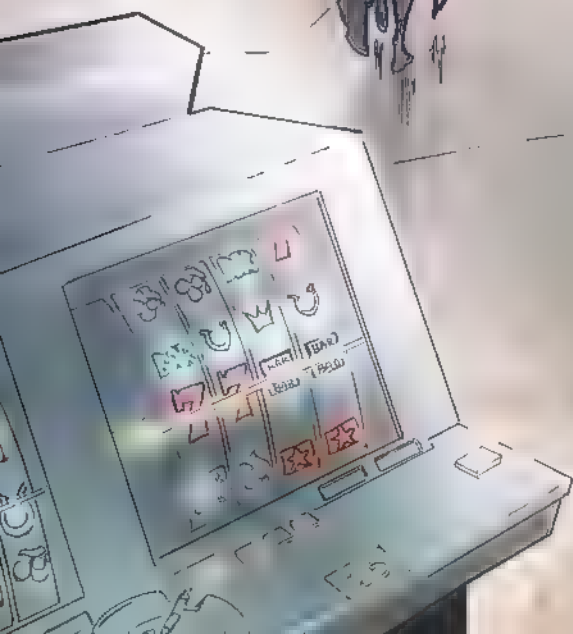


FAMINE
FINDS THIS
ODD.

WHERE,
FOUR
POINTS?

FAMINE
EXPECTING--EAGER
TO KILL.

EHP

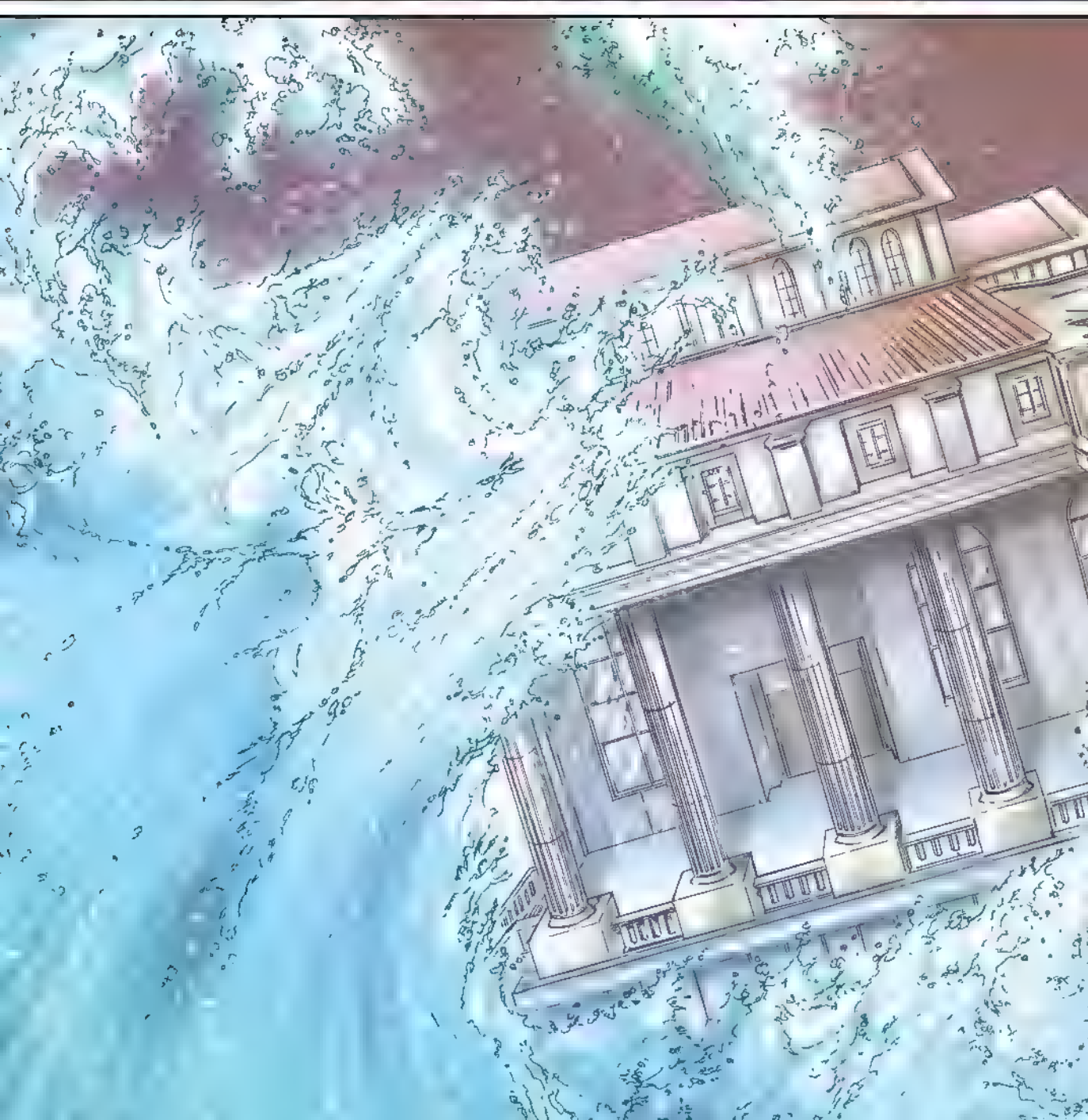


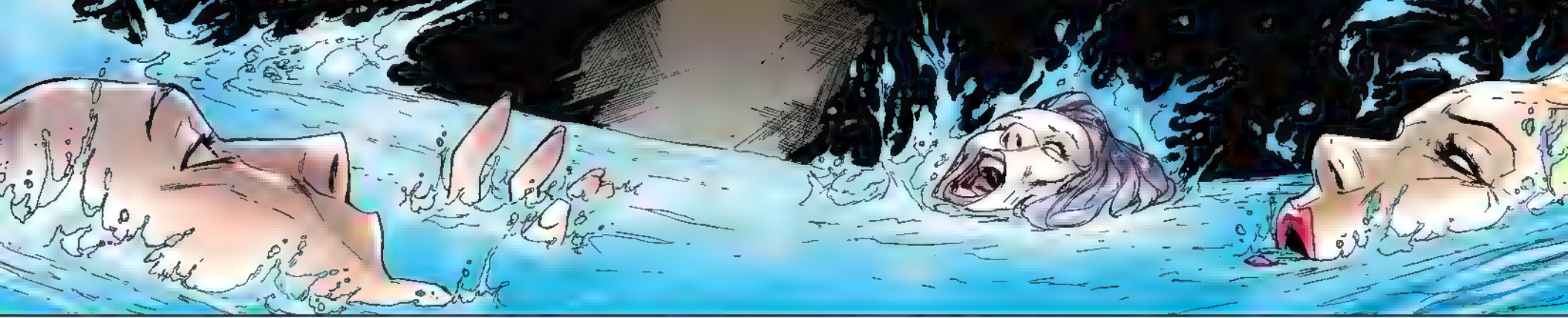
FAMINE
HEARS...

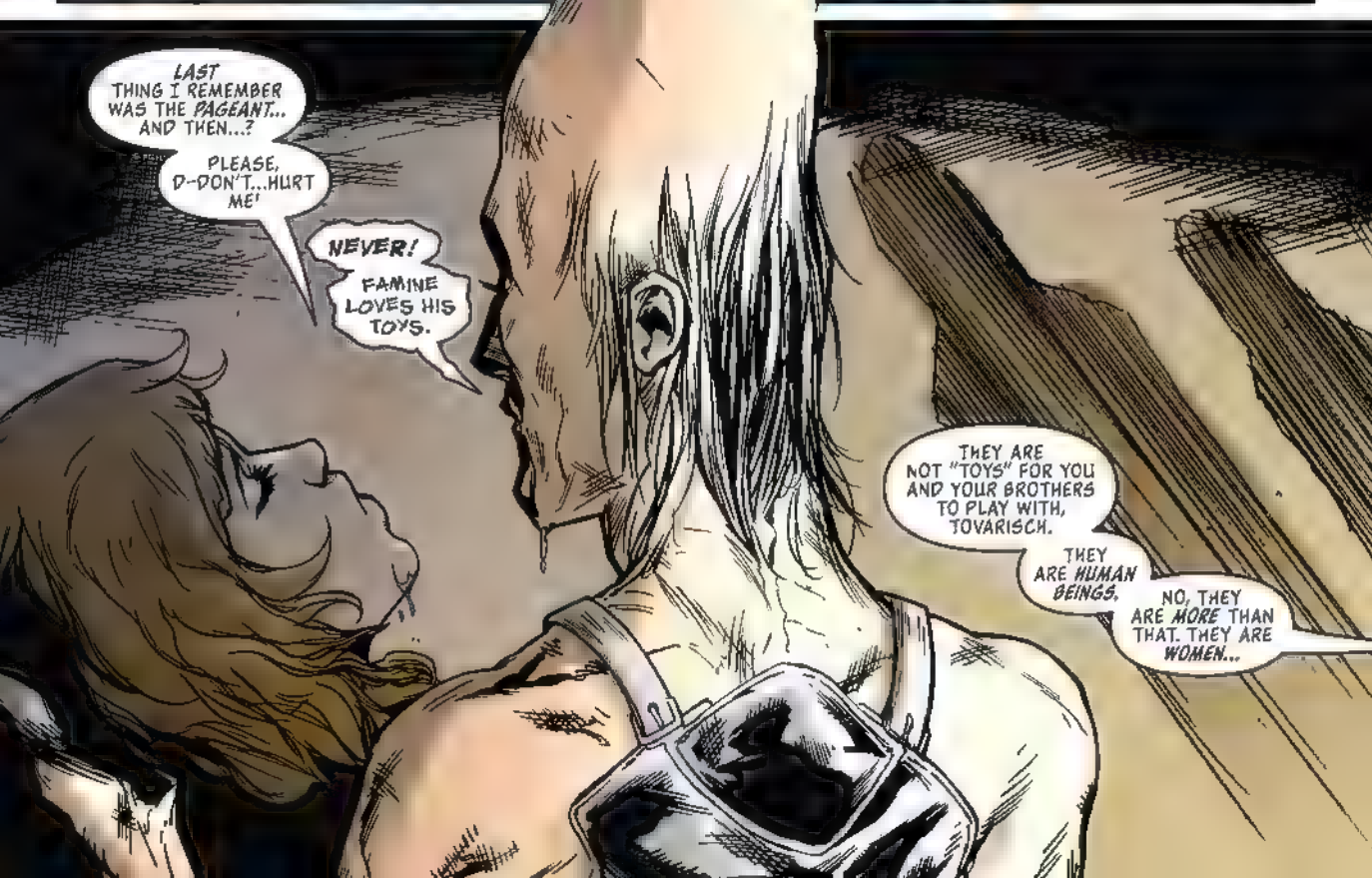
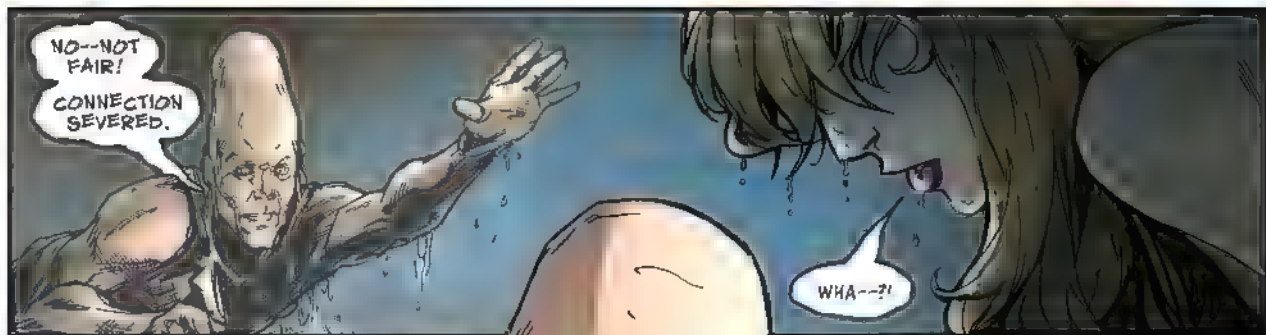
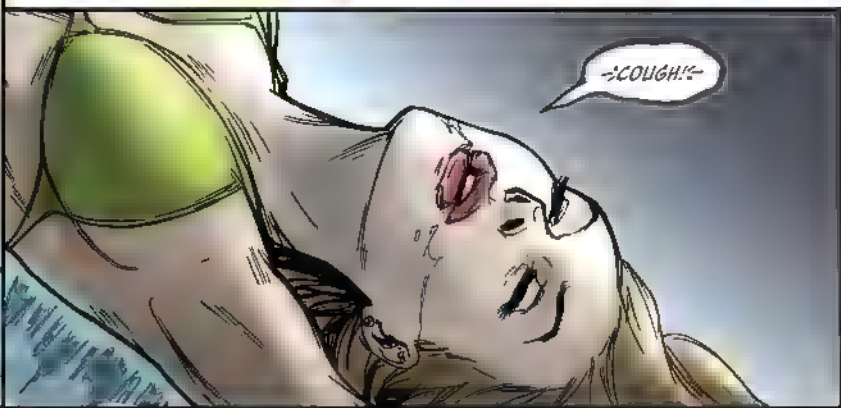
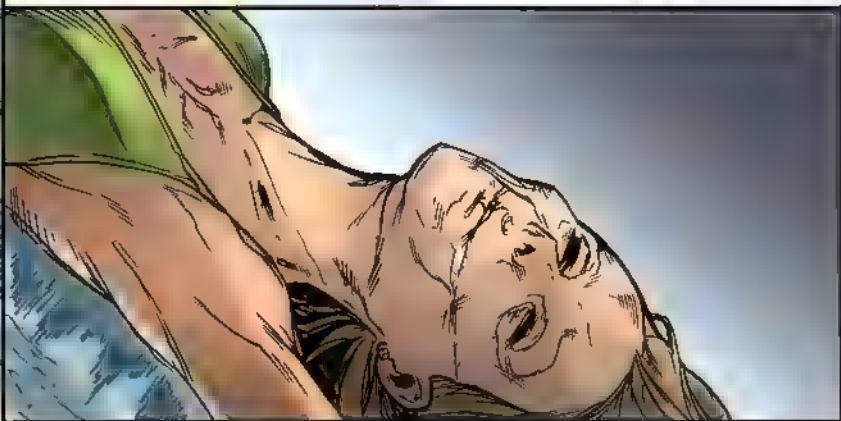
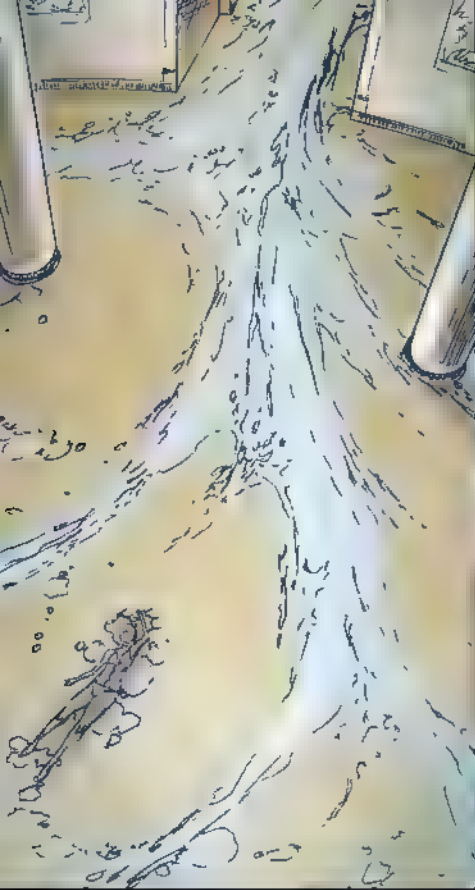
...ROARP

SPEEDING
TRAIN?

AH. FAMINE
UNDERSTANDS...







...AND YOU WERE
A FOOL TO MISTAKE
ANY ONE OF US FOR
AN EASY PREY.

ATTACK ONE OF
US-- ANY TIME, ANY
WHERE-- AND INCUR THE
WRATH OF THE FOUR
POINTS.

I DON'T
KNOW WHAT YOU
AND YOUR BROTHERS
ARE PLANNING,
FAMINE.

BUT YOU'RE
GOING TO FIND THAT
WE WILL NOT STOP UNTIL
THE FOUR OF YOU ARE
DESTROYED.

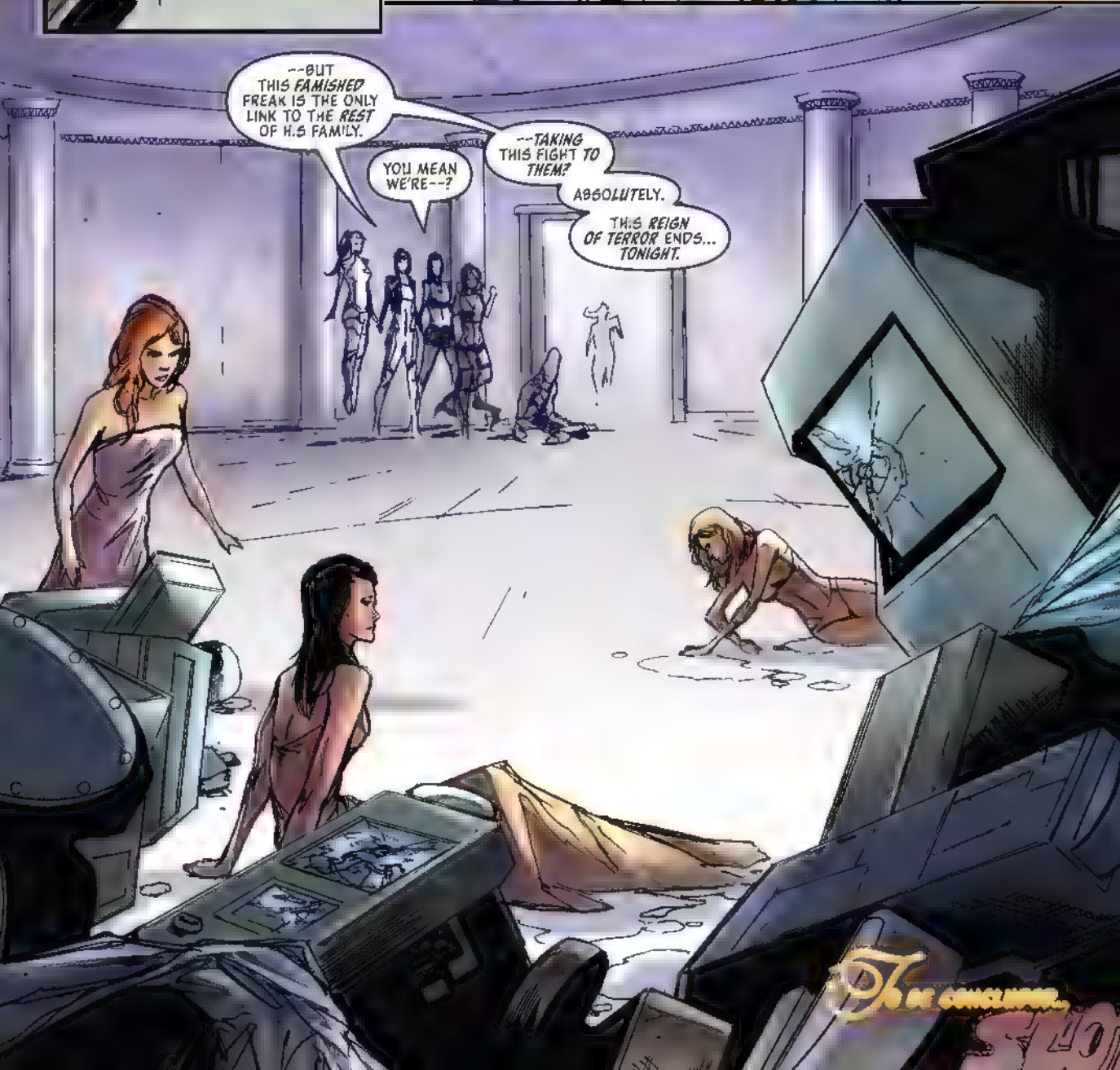
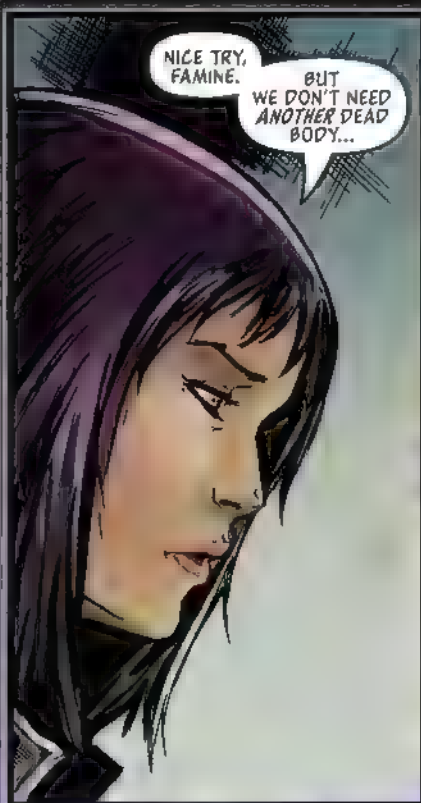
THE
FOUR OF
US AGAINST
THE FOUR
OF YOU.

HOW
MANY OF YOUR
BROTHERS HAVE
WE TAKEN OUT
ALREADY?

BY THE
GODDESS.

FAMINE
DOES NOT FEAR
DEATH.

FAMINE
FEARS
NOTHING.

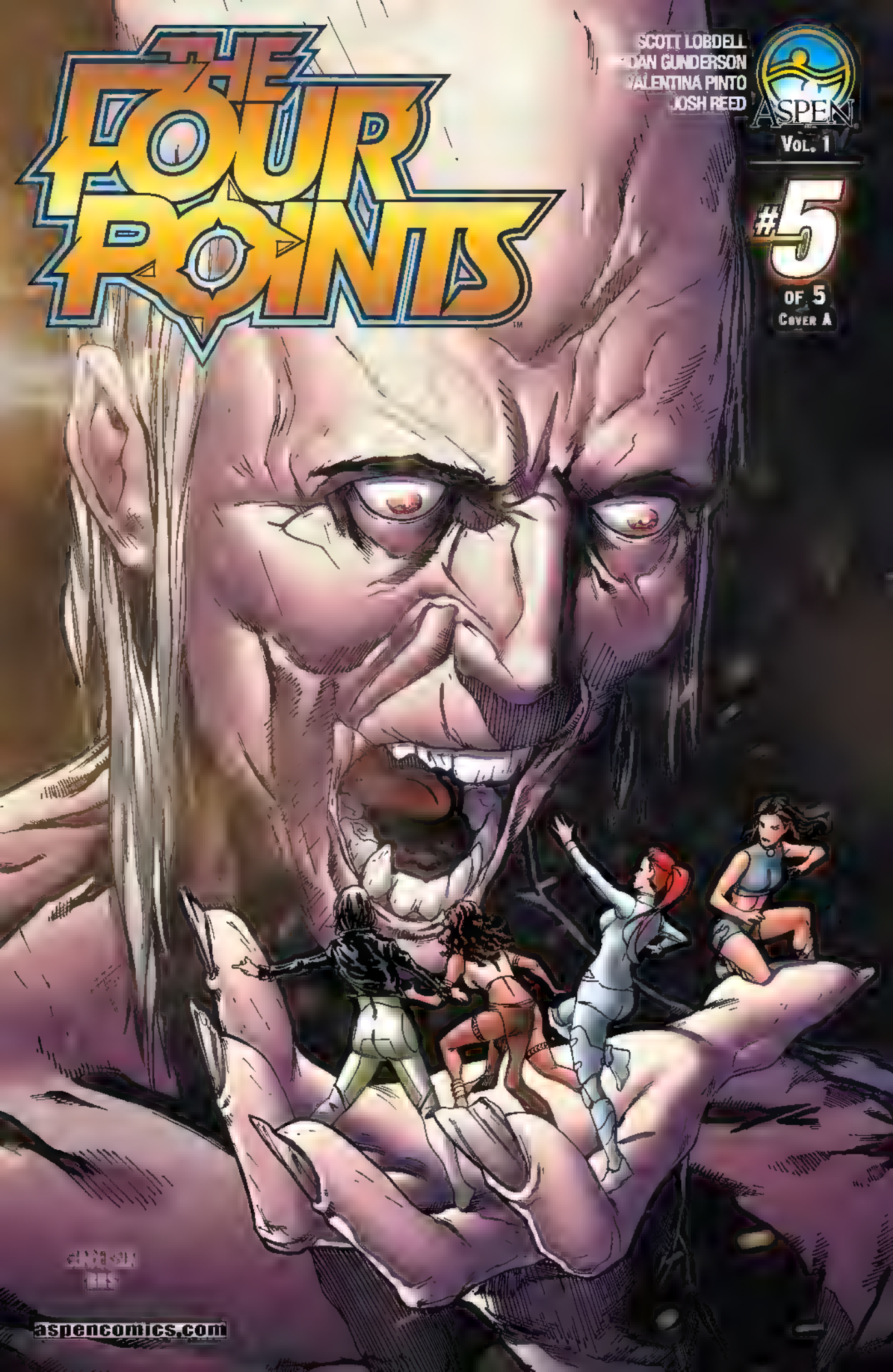


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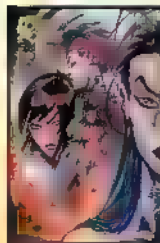
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The ladies headed to Atlantic City in order to free the possessed contestants of a beauty pageant held under the spell of the Horseman, Famine. Together they managed to free the women from his grasp. However, in Los Angeles, the Four Horsemen's uncle continued his merciless killing spree with no one safe from his master plan.

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CAUTION: THE FUTURE IS HERE

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Ten years ago.

I AM
SO SORRY,
MIGHTY.

I ARRIVED
TOO LATE TO
HELP YOU--TO
SAVE YOU.



THOUGH...
I HAVE AVENGED
YOU.

I WISH
I COULD SAY
I'D DO SO ON
PURPOSE.

BUT
THAT WOULD
BE A LIE.

I CANNOT
YET CONTROL THE
POWER THE GODDESS
HAS GRANTED
ME.

WHEN I DO,
HOWEVER.

I DO
NOT BELIEVE
THE END RESULTS
WILL BE MUCH
DIFFERENT.

YOU ARE
ARA OF THE DARK
PLAINS.

I KNOW YOU
ARE FRIGHTENED--
BUT I AM SURE MY
HUSBAND AND I CAN
HELP YOU LEARN TO
CONTROL YOUR
POWERS.

YOU DO NOT
UNDERSTAND.

WHY SHOULD
I FEAR POACHERS
AND WEAPONS.

WHEN IT
IS THE UNJUST WHO
SHOULD BE AFRAID
OF ME?

N
Now

THE FOUR POINTS

THE LARGEST PRIVATELY-OWNED
PARANORMAL INVESTIGATION
INSTALLATION IN THE WORLD

USUALLY THAT MEANS
DISPENSING THEIR
PRIMARY AGENTS
TO OUBLE SPOTS
AROUND THE GLOBE.

BUT TONIGHT...

AROO AROO
AROO AROO

THE PROBLEM IS MUCH
CLOSER TO HOME!

IVANA,
ASPEN--ARE
WE UNDER
ATTACK?

SO WHAT
IF WE ARE,
ARA?

ALONG WITH GIA WE
POSSESS THE POWER
OF THE ELEMENTS--THERE
IS NOTHING THE FOUR OF
US CANNOT HANDLE
TOGETHER.

I JOINED
THIS GROUP FOR
A VERY SPECIFIC
REASON.

AS SOON
AS THE HORSMEN
ARE DISPATCHED, YOU
CAN FIND YOURSELF
ANOTHER NA'AD.

AROO AROO
AROO AROO



GIA?!

SORRY GIRLS,
I STILL DON'T
POSSESS FULL CONTROL
OF MY PSIONIC
ABILITIES.

YES.
JUST WHAT ONE
LOOKS FOR IN A
LEADER.



FAMINE IS
A LOT MORE POWERFUL
THAN I IMAGINED WHEN I HAD
THE IDEA TO CONTAIN
HIM HERE

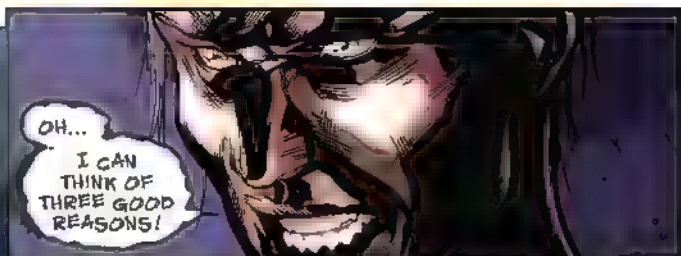
IF NOT FOR THE
TECHNOLOGY CREATED BY
MY PARENTS FOR USE HERE
AT FOUR POINTS---

--I CAN'T
SAY FOR SURE HE
WOULDN'T BE FREE
BY NOW.

IF
THAT'S THE
CASE.

...CAN WE BE
SURE HE DIDN'T
LET HIMSELF GET
CAPTURED ON
PURPOSE?

WHY
WOULD HE DO
THAT?



OH...

I CAN
THINK OF
THREE GOOD
REASONS!



WHA--?!

DAMMIT--
THIS IS MY
FAULT!

MY
INEXPERIENCE IS
GOING TO GET
US KILLED!

THE
FLOOR--THE WHOLE
BUILDING! IT'S--!

RRMMBBBLLL



WH OH

NNNGH

WAR,
PESTILENCE--
OUR PLAN WORKED
PERFECTLY!

HOW
COULD IT NOT
DEATH?

FOR AS
LONG AS THIS
CONFLICT HAS LASTED,
HUMANS ALWAYS
UNDERESTIMATE
US!

DON'T SEEM
TO CELEBRATE YET,
MY BROTHERS.

BREAKING
INTO THIS FACILITY
WAS BUT OUR FIRST
GOAL!

THE NEXT
STEP--SURELY--
IS TO REND THESE
CREATURES LIMB
FROM FRAGILE
LIMB.

FRAGILE
MY ASS

NO!

FORGIVE MY
BROTHERS

WE ARE
HERE TO ASK
FOR HELP



UM.
OKAY.

THIS
MUST BE A
TRICK.

FINALLY
WE AGREE ON
SOMETHING

AM I
PICKING UP..
SINCERITY?

YES



THERE
ARE RULES THAT
GUIDE THIS ANCIENT
BATTLE BETWEEN
US, WOMEN

THE FOUR
OF US HAVE FOUGHT THE
LIVING EMBODIMENT OF THE
ELEMENTS YOU REPRESENT FOR
A TIME ALMOST BEYOND
THE BEGINNING.

BUT
THIS TIME IS
DIFFERENT.

THIS TIME WE
FACE A THREAT TO OUR
VERY EXISTENCE.



IF WE HAVE ANY
HOPE AT ALL OF
DEFEATING HIM--THE
EIGHT OF US MUST
STAND UNITED.



OUR
UNCLE HAS BEEN
MANIPULATING
US.

EACH
TIME WE HAVE USED
OUR POWER AGAINST
YOU--

--HE HAS
BEEN SIPHONING
THE ENERGY AWAY
FOR HIS OWN
PURPOSES.

NOW HE IS
PREPARED TO
STRIKE

BUT WE
HAVE LONG BEEN
FORBIDDEN TO RAISE
ARMS AGAINST OUR
FAMILY.

SO
YOU NEED
US.

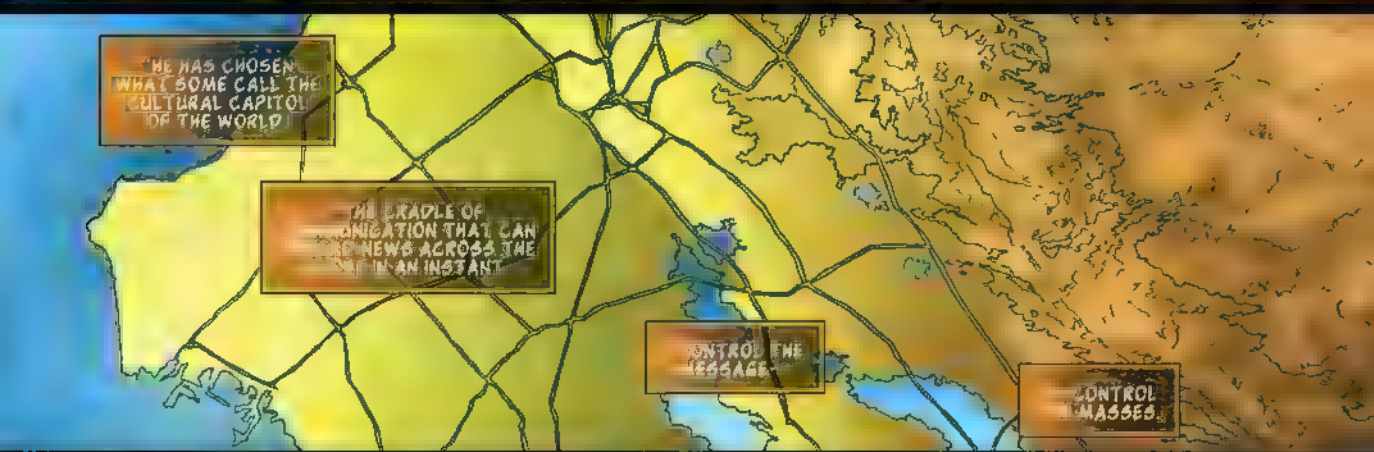
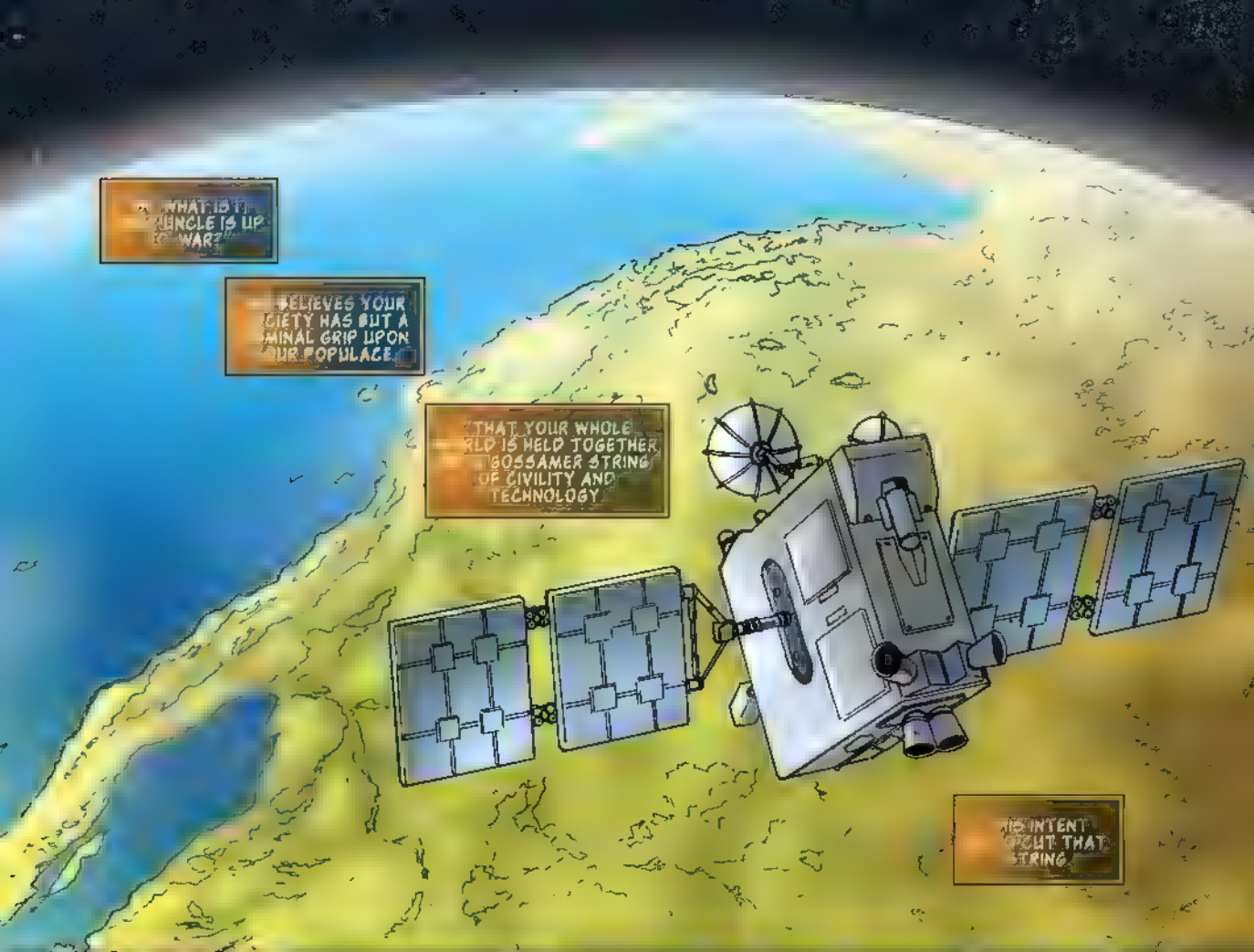
FASCINATING.

WHY SHOULD
WE DO YOUR DIRTY
WORK, WAR?

I'M AFRAID
HE'S ALREADY
ANSWERED
THAT.

APPARENTLY,
IT'S US--

--OR
NOBODY.

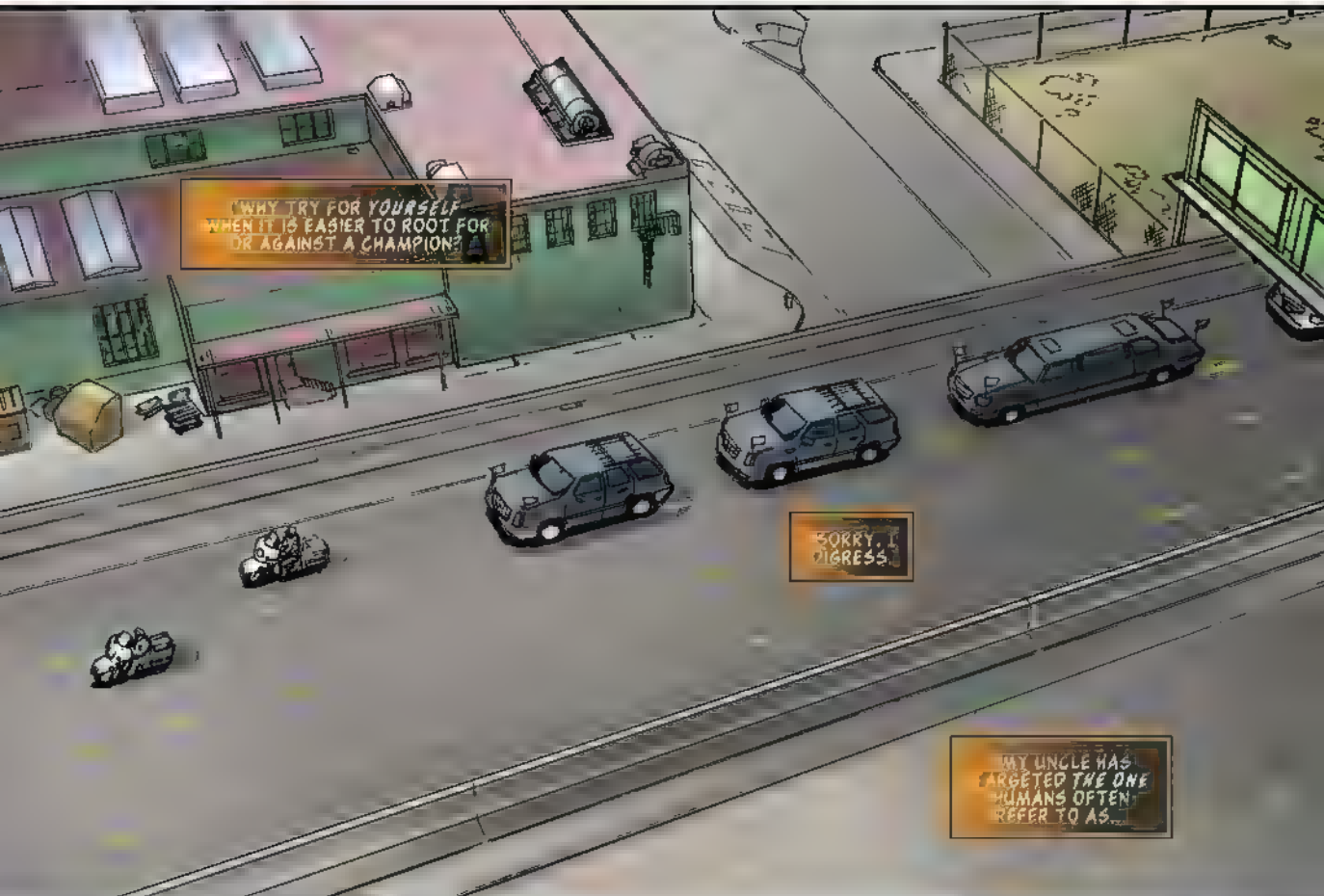




THAT IS THE PROBLEM WITH HUMANITY

ONE OF THEM ANYWAY

THEY PUT SO MUCH FAITH IN THEIR ICONS



WHY TRY FOR YOURSELF WHEN IT IS EASIER TO ROOT FOR OR AGAINST A CHAMPION?

SORRY, I DIGRESS

MY UNCLE HAS TARGETED THE ONE HUMANS OFTEN REFER TO AS



THE MOST POWERFUL MAN ON THE PLANET.

HAVE I TOLD YOU HOW MUCH I HATE THESE FUNDRAISERS, ALYSSA?

YES, SIR. BUT THESE ARE THE TIMES WE LIVE IN.

SADLY. IMAGINE IF ALL THIS MONEY COULD BE GOING TOWARDS EDUCATION.



FOR MONTHS
I HAVE BEEN USURPING
SOULS RIGHT OUT FROM
UNDER THEIR NOSES.

SOMETIMES UNDER
THE GUISE OF MY
NEPHEWS' NEFARIOUS
ENDEAVORS--

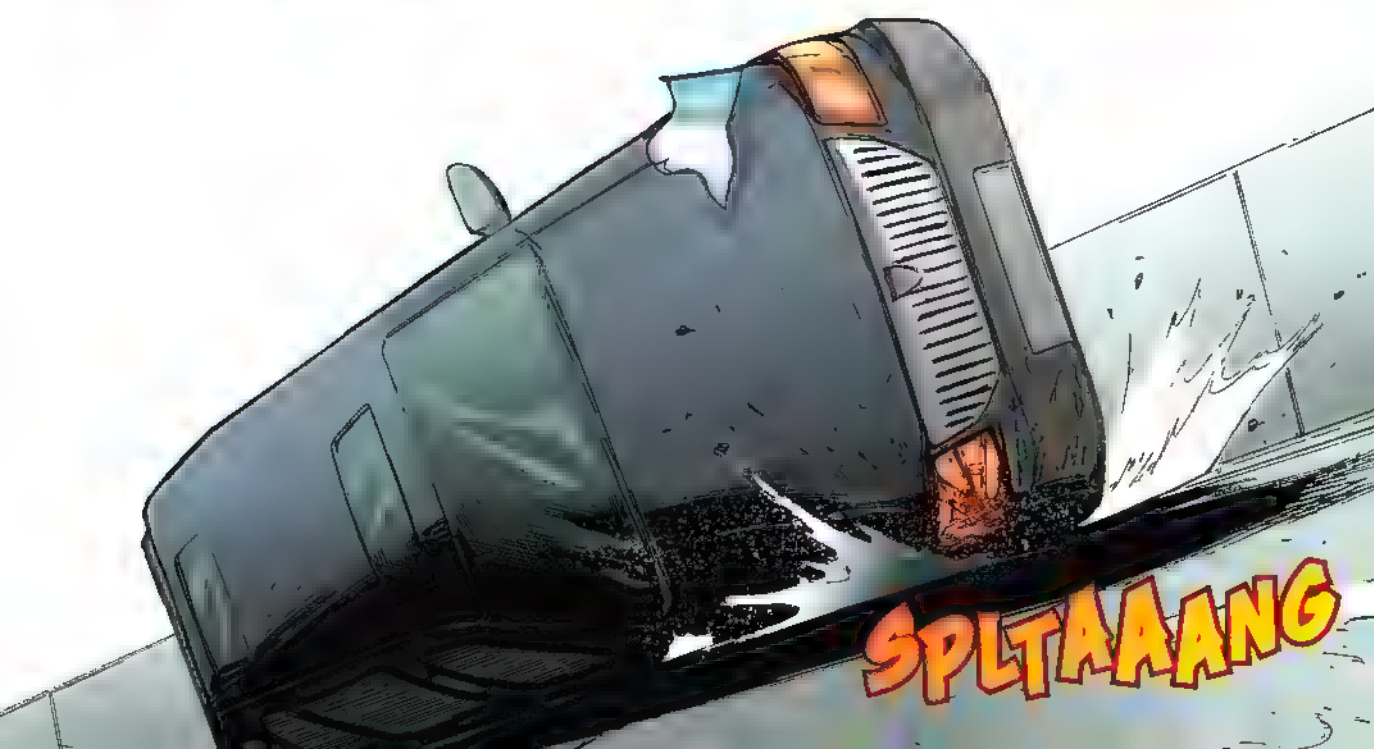
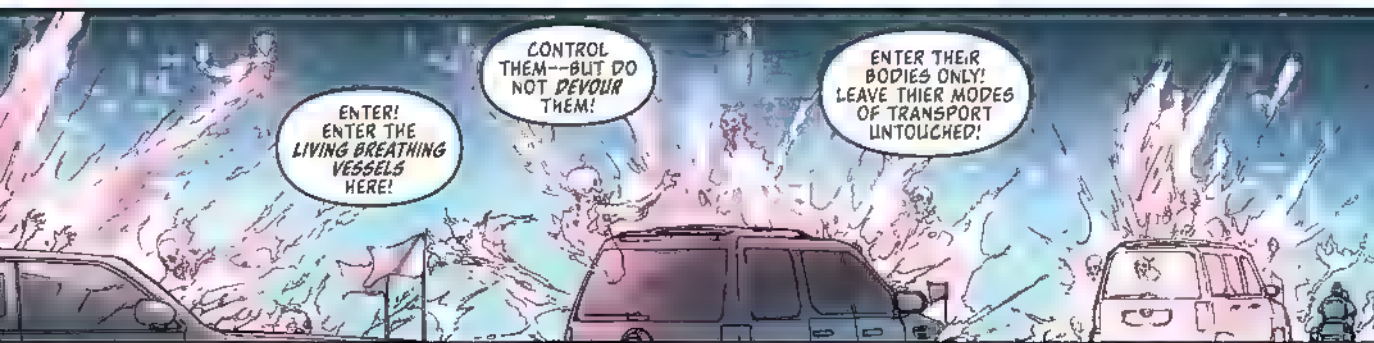
--BUT
JUST AS
OFTEN A RESULT
OF MY OWN
ACTIONS.

ALL THE
WHILE I ACTED THE
COWARDLY AND SNIVELING
FOOL... I WAS GATHERING THE
DARK FORCES I NEEDED TO
UNLEASH UPON AN
UNSUSPECTING
POPULACE!

OR MORE
ACCURATELY...
ONE ENTITY IN
PARTICULAR.

COME,
DOOMED
SPIRITS--

--RISE
AND DO MY
WILL!





TELEPORTATION?

AYE!

BUT
YOU CAN'T
STAY?



ALAS, FROM
HERE YOU ARE ON
YOUR OWN.

WHAT
MADNESS THAT
THE ONLY WAY FOR US
TO DEFEAT OUR
UNCLE--

--FALLS TO
THE MERCY OF
OUR ANCIENT
ENEMIES.

THE STAKES
ARE TOO HIGH, WAR.
WE WILL NOT FAIL
YOU

THAT IS
UNLESS...

WE'RE
TOO LATE?



THAT
LIMOUSINE--

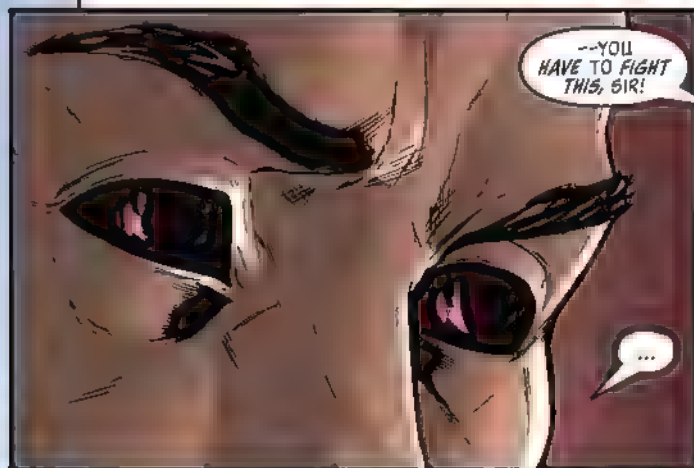
--ROAD FORCE
ONE OR SOME
NONSENSE,
NO?

THE
PRESIDENT'S
RIDE...YES.

CRNGH

GRRRRGH!







A WATERFALL--OUT OF NOWHERE?!

MY SPELL IS BROKEN FOR THE NONCE!

FWOOOSH



IT'S MUCH MORE THAN NONCE-- TRUST ME!

YOU PATHETIC ELEMENTALS!



I WILL CRUSH YOUR BONES TO POWDER!



YOU THINK YOUR FLUID FORMS PROTECT YOU BOTH!

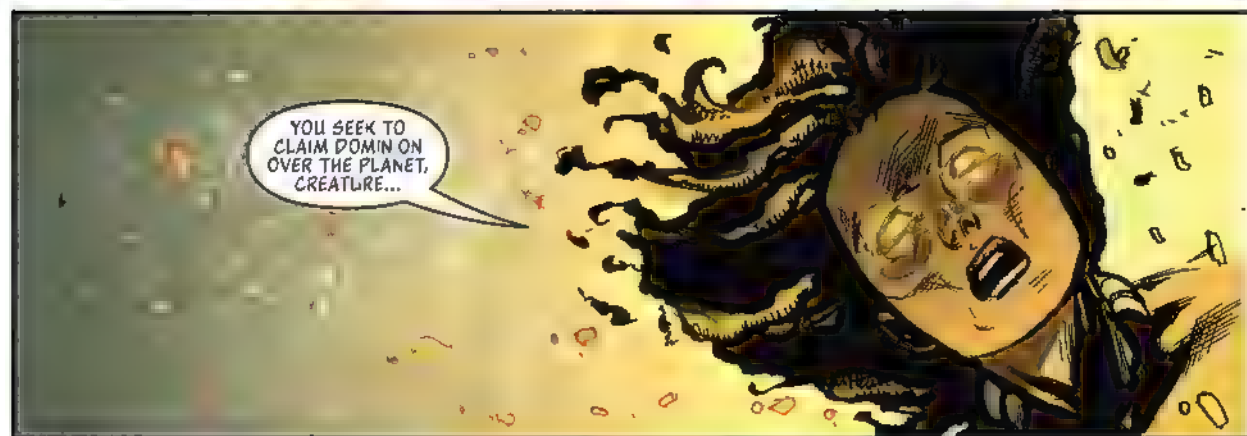
BUT EVEN NOW YOU CAN FEEL MY PRESENCE CORRUPTING YOU...!

URNGGH!
NO! CAN...FIGHT... THIS!

SISTER-- STAND BACK!



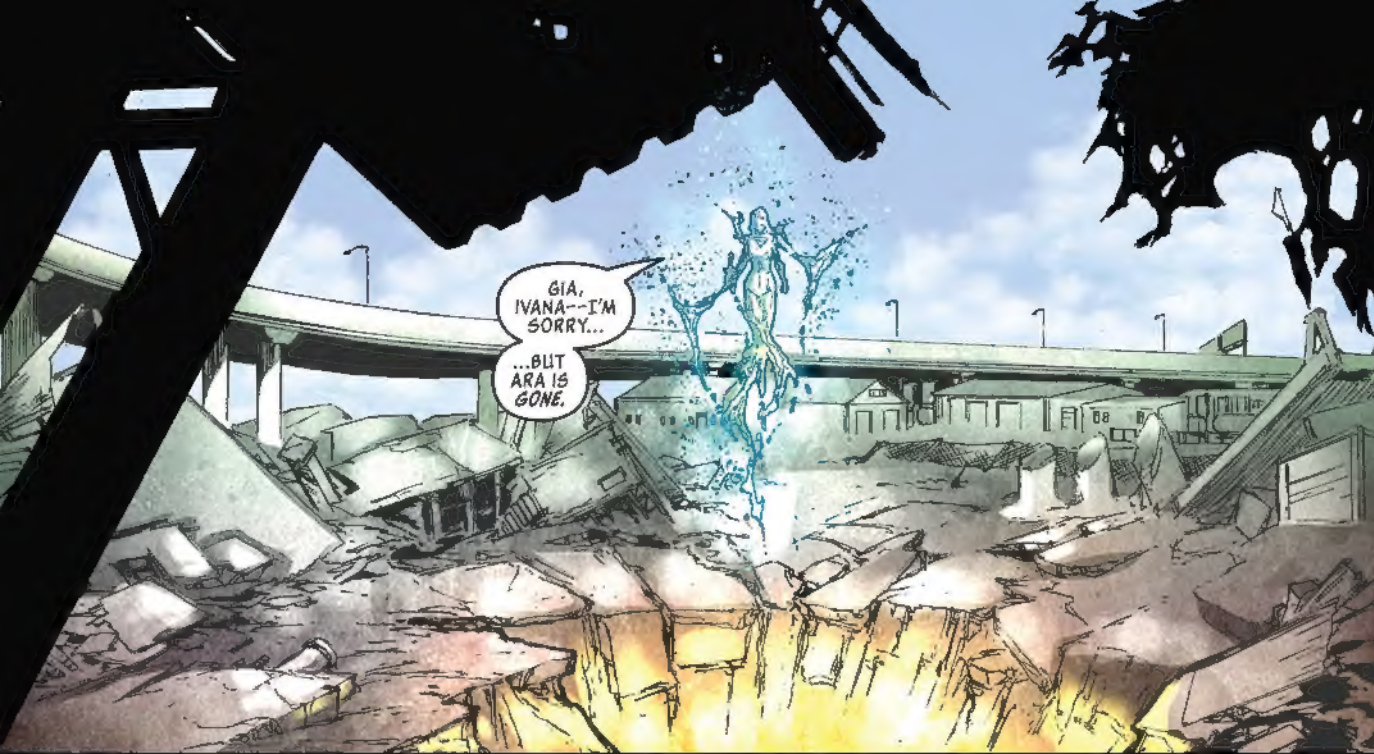
I HAVE THIS!

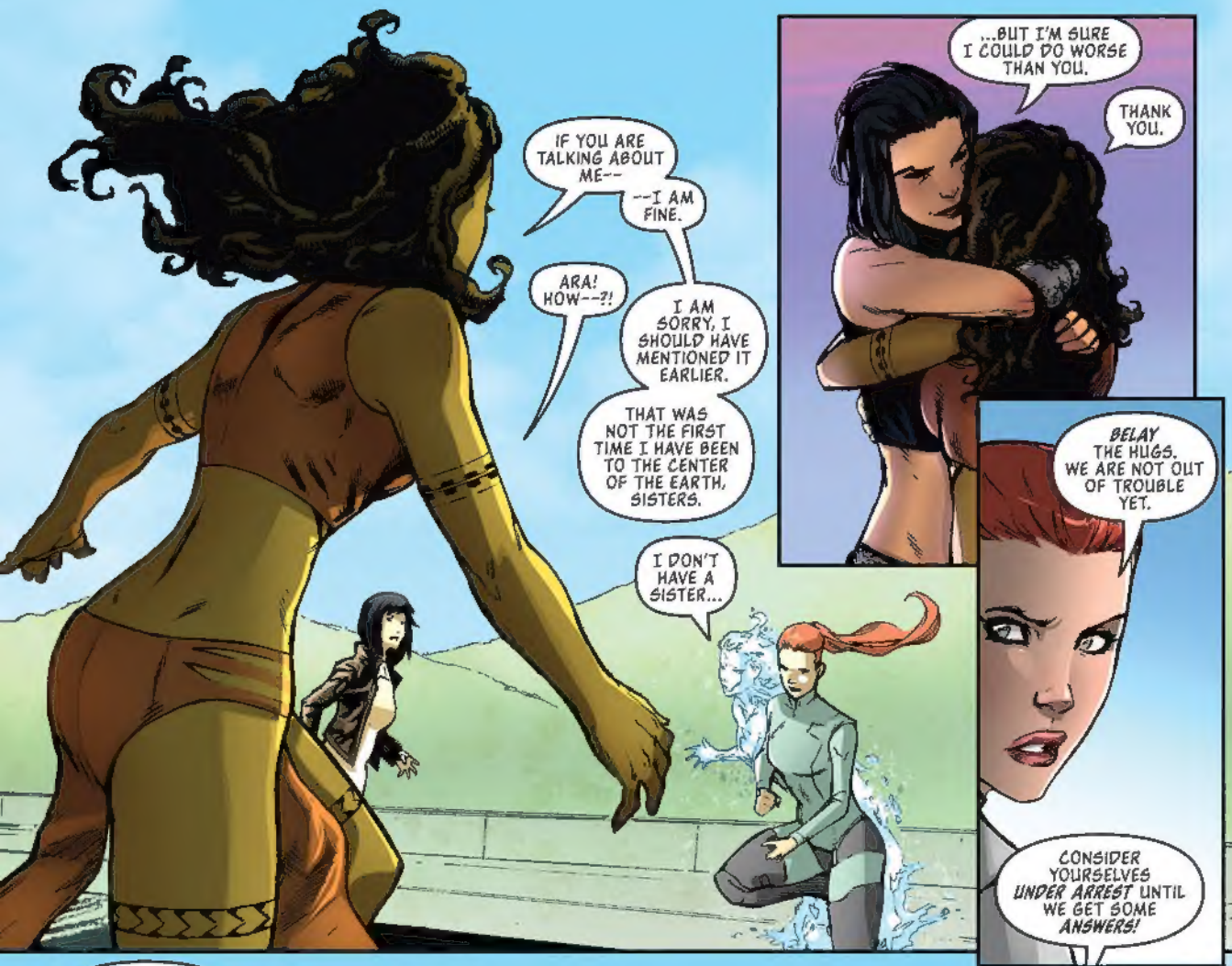


YOU SEEK TO CLAIM DOMINION OVER THE PLANET, CREATURE...



...LET US
SEE IF YOU CAN
DO THAT FROM WITHIN
THE HEART OF EARTH
ITSELF!





WE ARE
CALLED THE
**THE
FOUR
POINTS**

AND FOR
BETTER OR FOR
WORSE--
--I'M
BETTING YOU
HAVEN'T HEARD
THE LAST OF
US!



THE END